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## DURING SESSION ON ROTA

# Senate 'kills' Saipan casino bill

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In a surprise move at its Rota session yesterday afternoon, the Senate voted 7-1 to essentially kill a Saipan casino legalization bill that the House of Representatives passed in June. This is the third time that the CNMI Senate rejected, in one form or another, a similar gambling proposal that Saipan voters had also twice rejected.

At yesterday's session, the Saipan casino bill was initially withdrawn from the Senate Resources, Economic Development and Programs Committee that Sen. Frank Borja (Ind-Tinian) chairs.

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## LIFE-SAVING SKILLS

American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh, left, speaks to the third batch of Marianas High School students who took part in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR, training yesterday at the MHS Gymnasium. The American Red Cross trained around 400 MHS students, hoping to equip them with life-saving skills and teach them about disaster preparedness.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

## Speaker: CNMI needs to take position on Pagan now

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House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said yesterday that the CNMI needs to take a stand now on the U.S. military's planned use of Pagan for live-fire training and other activities, even as he announced his intention of introducing a resolution opposing the "militarization" of Pagan in the Northern Islands.

Deleon Guerrero, one of those at the CNMI Military Integration Management Committee meeting on Capital Hill yesterday, said to date, the CNMI has not taken a position on the military's Pagan plans.

"We need to decide first whether this is something we're go-

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Deleon Guerrero

## Orthopedic surgeon loses privileges at CHC

► **CEO bans doctor access to hospital treatment facilities**

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Two weeks before to the end of his short-term contract at the public hospital, Dr. Grant Walker decided he will stay on Saipan to continue providing orthopedic surgery services by opening his own private practice.

However, his decision is now hanging in the balance after the Commonwealth Health Center rescinded his doctor's privileges to use the facility.

Most private physicians in the CNMI have existing privileges agreement with the public hospital where they conduct their services to their clients.



Walker

Last Saturday, *Saipan Tribune* learned that Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. interim CEO Esther Muna handed the outgoing physician

a letter informing him about the immediate termination of the doctor's privileges at CHC. It was learned that a host of issues were cited as factors of the termination including insubordination and unprofessional conduct of the outgoing physician.

Walker was hired from Idaho on Oct. 23 for a temporary contract of 30 days.

His salary was based on \$185,000 per annum wage and the term is expiring today, Nov. 27. Payment is expected to be received after the contract is fulfilled.

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## Local

### ON EVIDENCE AGAINST MURDER SUSPECT CRISOSTOMO OAG given until January to produce tests results

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho gave the Office of the Attorney General until Jan. 6, 2014 to produce the test results concerning evidence in connection with the case against Joseph A. Crisostomo, who is facing charges for the murder of bartender Emerita Romero.

In an order issued on Monday, Camacho said with respect to the evidence that will be sent outside of the CNMI for laboratory testing, the OAG is ordered to produce the test results no later than one day after receiving such results.

"In no event is the Commonwealth to exceed the deadline of Jan. 6, 2014 at 4:30pm in providing these listed items," the judge said.

The items referred to are shoeprint, footprint, hairs found on shirt, and evidence provided by a witness that was temporarily off-island.

Camacho ordered the CNMI government to produce all chain of custody documentation to Crisostomo's counsel, Janet H. King, on or before today, Wednesday, at 12pm.

The OAG recently filed

a motion to amend pretrial scheduling order to allow the prosecution additional time for discovery. King did not file a written opposition to the government's motion.

The court held a conference on Friday where they discussed discovery issues.

In his order on Monday, Camacho said based on the counsels' representation during the conference, he notes that all materials sought in Crisostomo's Sept. 13 motion to compel have been provided to the defendant.

Camacho said the parties are cooperating and not in need of further court intervention regarding defendant's counsel's access to evidence room stored in the government's evidence room.

Crisostomo, through his counsel King, wants to inspect and test by his designated experts, the purse and its contents belonging to Romero that were retrieved by investigators at the former La Fiesta Mall in San Roque where the victim's body was found.

In the Sept. 13 motion to compel, King requested the court to issue an order compelling the government to produce the items in its possession and control at the

Department of Public Safety's evidence room for inspection, examination, photograph, and possible testing.

In the motion to compel, King said the items of evidence, collected by the government in the investigation of this case, are "material and relevant to the issues of guilty, innocence, degree of culpability, and effective cross-examination" of the Commonwealth's witnesses against Crisostomo.

King said investigators retrieved Romero's violet-colored purse at La Fiesta on April 25, 2012.

The defense counsel said the request for inspection, examination, and testing of the items is "essential to insure Crisostomo his right to a fair hearing, his right to confrontation, his right to prepare a defense in his own behalf, his right to effective counsel, and due process of law guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution."

FBI agents found Romero's body at the former La Fiesta Mall on Feb. 7, 2012, two days after she was last seen boarding a car near her house in Garapan. Investigators learned that the bartender mistook the car for a taxicab.

# ART in the Park

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## Nearly 200 bed-ridden elderly getting free meals from govt

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The Aging Center, an agency of the local government that takes care of the needs of the islands' senior citizens, posted a big spike in the number of its clients under the Homebound program which caters to bed-ridden elderly.

Aging Center executive director Walter Manglona disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that to date, there are close to 200 senior citizens, or *man'amko*, who are availing of the daily free meals provided by the program.

This number, he admitted, reflects a significant increase from previous years' client base that averaged more than a hundred.

Homebound is among the major programs administered by the Aging Center. It specifically serves bed-ridden *man'amko*, those elderly with some disabilities, as well as senior citizens living in secluded areas who have difficulty traveling to the center.

Manglona explained that each day, the Aging Center provides free meals to these clients using funding from the federal government.

Apart from the homebound clientele, the center has also over 80 registered congregates being served at the center. The figure, which also shows an increase from average clientele in the past, continues to rise day by day. As of yesterday, there remains pending applications for congregates that are up for review by the director.

Manglona said these more than 80 congregates refer to

the active elderly who come daily to the center and participate in various programs and activities. Like the homebound clients, they are being offered free meals approved by a dietician.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the decline in the Aging Center's clientele—both for congregates and homebound—was due to deaths and relocation of members.

Among the factors for the increasing numbers, however, is attributed to the widespread promotions about the center's programs.

"I've been seeing a lot of our senior citizens coming to our programs now. I think one factor is the promotions that we did. We used to average way below the numbers (we have), but now we're seeing more," he shared yesterday, adding that this only shows that they have been doing an effective promotion of the center's services resulting in increased interest from the senior citizens.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the nearly 200 homebound clients are only for Saipan. The Rota and Tinian aging centers each have about 30 bed-ridden elderly in the same program.

"I think the reason why *man'amko* want to come here [at the center] is to basically avail of the program and we're happy to see them coming," he said.

Besides the homebound and congregates, the Aging Center also provide free meals to other recipients: caregivers and family members who are taking care of their bed-ridden *man'amko*.

# Thanksgiving Specials

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# 3 presidents, 6 governors on Saipan next week for regional summit

## » Climate change, Obamacare, human trafficking, tourism on agenda

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Climate change, tourism, preventing human trafficking, and bracing for impacts of Obamacare, among other things, will take center stage as three presidents and six governors from around the region gather on Saipan next week for the 19th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit.

There are at least 15 presentations for the Dec. 4 to 6 summit at the Fiesta Resort & Spa.

Among them tackle tourism, workforce, education, transportation, energy, recycling, shark management, human trafficking, healthcare, invasive spe-

cies, climate change, regional health insurance coverage, and breadfruit initiative.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the leaders will also do follow up on previous resolutions, but he is also particularly keen on discussing the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare and issues related to Compact-Impact or the impact of migration from islands with agreements with the United States, at the summit.

"I was talking to the governor of Guam who has the same issue in common with us, and that is the Obamacare... I would also like discussion on Compact-Impact migration. We're not going to stop it. We just want to make sure, we want help from origin

governments to do their best as well, to look into the needs of the folks here," he told reporters yesterday.

He said he also likes to see a strong pitch on the potential of breadfruits as an economic

driver for the region.

Marshall Islands President Christopher J. Loeak, Federated States of Micronesia President Emanuel Mori, and Palau President Tommy Remengesau Jr. will be at the summit.

They will be joined by CNMI Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Guam Gov. Eddie B. Calvo, Yap Gov. Sebastian L. Anefal, Pohnpei Gov. John Ehsa, Chuuk Gov. Johnson S. Elimo, and Kosrae Gov. Carson Sigrah.

Federal officials and other delegates from the region and the United States will also be at the summit which has served as a venue for Micronesian island leaders to discuss common concerns and solutions. Office of Insular Affairs' Nik Pula will also be on island for the summit, Inos said.

## Pacific HIV response gets international attention

**SUVA, Fiji**—A packed Pacific satellite session at the International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP) in Bangkok, Thailand last week catapulted Pacific perspectives, data and successes onto the international stage.

His Excellency Ratu Epeli Nailatikau, President of the Republic of Fiji, opened the session entitled "The Pacific voyage: the five year response to HIV and

other STIs and a glimpse beyond 2013" while Ms Joey Joleen Mataele, Tonga Leitis Association President, astounded all by singing the opening prayer in a strong, operatic voice.

Nine speakers from across the Pacific, including three from SPC's Public Health Division, participated in the session, which featured the latest data on HIV epidemiology in the Pacific, and the successful rollout

of rapid HIV testing, enabling faster diagnosis of HIV in all targeted Pacific Island Countries and Territories.

"In the last 5 years, the smaller countries of the Pacific and its larger sister nation Papua New Guinea have responded to both the HIV and STI epidemics in a structured and considered manner, tackling the behavioural, social, cultural, legislative, health systems and economic factors that drive or hamper our responses to both HIV or STI epidemics," said H. E. Ratu Epeli Nailatikau.

"This satellite session pulls together some of the work that has been done both in Papua New Guinea and the smaller island nations of the Pacific. We share our stories with you today in a celebration of our united efforts and to offer you the new direction and the approach that the Pacific will take in addressing what we consider to be the key challenges facing our people," he said.

The Pacific satellite session was organised by the Oceania Society for Sexual Health and HIV Medicine (OSSHHM) and made possible due to support from the Australian aid programme and the Pacific Islands HIV and STI Response Fund. The topics and speakers are included below.

■ Rapid diagnosis of HIV infections in Pacific Island Countries and Territories—Tebuka

Toatu, SPC

■ Keeping Pacific Island countries HIV free—Ian Wanyeki, SPC

■ Adherence, Side-effects and Support: Experiences of Treatments among People Living with HIV in the Pacific Islands, Hilary Gorman, Cook Islands National HIV, STI & TB Committee

■ The Role of People Living with HIV in the Pacific HIV Response—Rebecca Kubu, Pacific Positive Working Group

■ Church Beliefs and Professional Practice: How Christian Health Workers Respond to HIV in PNG—Lalen Simeon and Christopher M. Sohenalo'e, Pacific Adventist University, PNG

■ OSSHHM Pasifika Training-of-Trainer programme on HIV and STIs: a south-south collaboration—Jason Mitchell, OSSHHM

■ Foreskin Cutting Practices and the Acceptability of Male Circumcision for HIV prevention in PNG—Rachael Tommbe and David MacLaren, Pacific Adventist University/ James Cook University

■ The Pacific Regional Sexual Health Shared Agenda 2014-2018: Achieving Zero—Michelle O'Connor, SPC

■ PNG HIV Epidemic: an Update and the Way Forward—Dr Moala Robert Kariko, Papua New Guinea AIDS Council Secretariat. (PR)

## ORTHOPEDIC

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Yesterday, Walker confirmed to *Saipan Tribune* about the cancellation of his privilege to use the hospital.

"I feel bullied!" stated the doctor, who expressed his disappointment on the treatment he received from the CEO.

The alleged bullying charge, however, was vehemently denied by Muna in an interview with *Saipan Tribune*.

"We deny such allegations [of bullying]," she said, pointing out that CHCC cannot comment to the media about personnel issues.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that without the privilege agreement with CHC, Walker can't perform and operate as a certified orthopedic surgeon. He has to have a facility equipped with the medical tools needed to provide orthopedic surgery care to

patients.

"It truly is a dilemma. If I leave and go back to the mainland I make double the money and I resign my medical license and the problem is gone and over [for me], but the people of Saipan lose," he said yesterday.

Walker is the lone orthopedic surgeon at CHC, which has no surgeon for quite some time after the departure of Dr. Ruben Arafles, who has chosen to join a hospital in Guam. Though there are efforts to get a permanent surgeon onboard, CHCC cannot immediately say when this will actually happen.

According to Walker, if he chooses to stay on Saipan and fight this "squabble" with the CEO, "I put myself and my medical license in harm's way."

"I'm not sure what to do now. I really don't know what my plans are. I still have to operate at CHC in order to provide orthopedic surgery care... and perhaps the governor could

provide some protection to the people through the Emergency Measures Act allowing me the privilege to provide emergency orthopedic surgery care to the people of this island."

He added that the presence of an orthopedic surgeon is vital on this island.

With his obvious disappointment on the CEO, Walker believes that "an effective CEO of a hospital has to have 10 to 15 years of experience in the field and must have social skills enough to resolve conflicts when they come without resorting to bullying and leaking rumors." He did not elaborate.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that Walker's privileges at CHC were terminated because of reports received by the CEO regarding the physician's disruptive behavior and unprofessional conduct to patients and staff. It was also learned that the physician was accused of inappropriate gestures to a female

minor patient and inappropriate words to a female staff, which forced the CEO to take immediate action.

Walker, however, denies any sexual misconduct as alleged. He said he would be more than agreeable to answer all the allegations when he is presented with an original complaint from the complainants.

Walker said he is also completely unaware of who this staff could be as he has had no confrontations with any female staff over non-patient related issues.

According to Walker, he was embarrassed when served by the termination letter on Saturday when CHCC security and police cars arrived at the clinic. The doctor said he was then attending to three patients at the hospital. He claimed that he was given no time to check out these patients to another physician, thus potentially endangering their continuity of care.

## SENATE

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Borja himself made the motion to "file" the Saipan casino bill.

Of the eight senators present at the Rota session, only Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) voted against filing—or rejecting—the revenue-generating bill.

The seven who voted to basically kill the bill were Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), vice president Victor Hocog (R-Rota), floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan), and Sens. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), Frank Borja (Ind-Tinian), Jack Borja (Ind-Tinian), and Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota). Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) was absent.

"By them voting to file it, the bill is dead and it will not be entertained again," Reyes told *Saipan Tribune* last night.

Reyes said the Saipan casino bill intends to generate new revenue to help retirees that are now struggling with a 25 percent cut in their pension.

"We're trying to help retirees. I felt that it was better to try passing a (Saipan casino bill) rather than not try it at all. For the retirees, there's no sign of hope that the government, the Legislature is doing something (to restore the 25 percent cut)," he said.

The Senate president, meanwhile, said he voted to file the Saipan casino bill because he would like to "get more thorough feasibility study and economic impact" study.

"In the meantime, we have the video lottery bill on the table and we're working on the electronic gaming (bill)," Torres said.

But Reyes said the video lottery industry will not generate revenue until investors recover their investment "and that will take several years."

The Inos administration, meanwhile, has re-established a Lottery Commission to ensure proper oversight of gaming activities and law enforcement review of gaming activities, especially in light of the recent signing of a bill legalizing video

lottery in the CNMI.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos has instructed the commission, led by chairman and Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar, to move swiftly in implementing the programs. The commission seeks to have the initial request for proposal for video lottery terminals released either this week or the early part of December.

Reyes also said the electronic gaming bill seems to be the "only hope" but the conference committee report recommending passage of the bill was withdrawn from the Senate session agenda.

"Who knows when it will be acted on? We don't want to impose high fees on investors that will discourage them from putting up the business," he said.

The senator said a joint committee from the House and Senate worked on the electronic gaming bill twice, only to be withdrawn from the Senate session agenda by the Senate president.

Legalizing casino operations on Saipan has been a divisive issue on the island. Its opponents

have been citing casino gambling's social ills, among other things, and have been pushing for other revenue-generating ideas. They said Saipan already has poker machines and soon, video lottery terminals and perhaps electronic gaming. They also said that Saipan voters had already rejected the idea twice.

Lawmakers supporting casino gambling on Saipan said this is the only industry that could immediately pump millions into the government coffers just on application fee and license alone. They added that there has never been alternatives proposed that could generate millions in a short period of time to help retirees and provide more funds for public health, public safety and education.

Besides rejection by Saipan voters twice, a Saipan casino bill was already rejected twice by the Senate; the last one was two years ago.

Tinian and Rota voters allowed casino operations on their island. Right now, only Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino is in operation.

## SPEAKER

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ing to support or not. To me, it seems the CNMI is in the process of supporting it but there's no official stand on it yet," he said.

But just the same, Deleon Guerrero said he will be introducing a resolution opposing the military's use of Pagan mainly because of its environmental impacts on one of the CNMI's most pristine islands, and would welcome colleagues to co-sponsor it.

He said once the resolution is introduced, he will immediately assign it to a committee that he would encourage to hold public hearings.

Deleon Guerrero said the CNMI government also has not held public hearings on the matter, adding that the public meetings were held mostly by the U.S. military and other private entities in the CNMI.

"The CNMI government needs to get the sentiment of its own people," he added.

Joint Region Marianas commander Rear Admiral Tilghman Payne, on Nov. 11, said local residents' concerns about the military's proposed use of Pagan are being taken into consideration.

The U.S. military plans to use Tinian and Pagan to meet its unit level and combined level training deficiencies in the Western Pacific. This, as Guam training areas are already being used to capacity.

Many in the CNMI oppose the proposed use of Pagan, but not necessarily the use of Tinian, where two-thirds of its lands are already leased to the U.S. Department of Defense.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said the Legislature could also appropriate some \$200,000 so that the administration can hire environmental experts to review the military environmental impact statements and other studies related to their plans in the CNMI.

"That's where the fight is, the EIS," said Sablan, who was also at the MIMC meeting yesterday.



# Rotarians treat elderly to Thanksgiving luncheon

» NMI service members to get cases of cup, bowl noodles for Christmas

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The Rotary Club of Saipan treated yesterday the island's elderly to a special Thanksgiving luncheon, a traditional celebration that has been going on for the past 25 years.

Nearly a hundred senior citizens were offered their favorite dishes ranging from turkey, tididias, mash potatoes, the popular local kelaguen, vegetable salads, and a bunch of appetizers and fresh fruits that all excited their palates.

Rotary Club president Laila Y. Boyer said this year's Thanksgiving is more meaningful to Rotarians because they are also celebrating the club's 45 years of dedicated service to the community.

As everyone enjoyed the food, club members also treated senior citizens with special prizes as they conducted the annual Thanksgiving raffle. Guests and hosts were also seen together demonstrating their dancing prowess on the floor.

"Each year, they dedicate their time to spend their Thanksgiving with us and it's something we're always excited about!" shared 65-year-old Maxie Mereb from Chinatown.

For Lucy Camacho, 71, every time they were paid a visit by anyone, they feel the love and appreciation from the community. Like Mereb, Camacho is a constant participant in the traditional Thanksgiving luncheon hosted by the Rotary Club.

Apart from the luncheon, Boyer also turned over yesterday to the CNMI Operation Home Front 13 cases of cup and bowl noodles especially

dedicated to the CNMI service members who faithfully serve the nation and will celebrate the Christmas holidays away from their loved ones. Last year, service members received from Rotarians Christmas CDs in their home care package.

The two events were both held at the Aging Center in Chinatown yesterday in the presence of participants from all parties.

According to Boyer, this year's Thanksgiving meal was prepared by different families and catering groups with the sole objective of putting healthy food for their special guests. Joining Rotarians are members of the Marianas High School's Interact Club, partner of the Rotary Club, which mission is to interact and learn from their ancestors.

Last Monday, the *man'amko* also received from the youth organization a special movie treat at the Regal Theaters, which accorded the senior citizens a special movie rate. Boyer said this is the first time Rotarians have partnered with the youth group in the hopes that the new generation will learn more and have much appreciation to the values and contributions of the nation's elderly.

"This is the kind of traditions that we, Rotarians, would like to continue for our *man'amko*," Boyer said yesterday.

For his part, Aging Center executive director Walter Manglona expressed the center's appreciation to the consistent support and love expressed by the Rotarians, whom he said, made sure that all food offered are healthy for the senior citizens.



MONETH G. DEPOSA

Officers and members of the Rotary Club of Saipan serve senior citizens during yesterday's traditional Thanksgiving luncheon of the organization for the elderly at the Aging Center.

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## 2 men on trial over burglary at warehouse

A jury trial is ongoing in the Superior Court of two men accused of conspiring with others in burglarizing a warehouse in Afetnas and stealing copper wires and tools last year.

As of late yesterday afternoon, the government's third witness, Woon Soo Chung, 64, completed his testimony in the trial of defendants Sonny Babaut and Petrus Anastacio.

Chung was the person in charge of guarding the Han Nam warehouse, formerly known as the Onu Moda Factory.

Chung testified how he noticed the break-in when the padlock of the warehouse was broken in the early morning of Dec. 19, 2012.

That night, he said, he noticed noise in the warehouse, but he ignored it because it was raining and windy at that time.

Chung said the copper wires were returned after police's investigation, but the other items were not.

Two other police offi-

cers—John Cabrera and Jesus Cepeda—also already testified at the trial.

According to the prosecution, Fiden Hamo twice entered the warehouse, with co-defendants Babaut, Jeffrey Lizama, and Matthias Salisban.

Upon entering the warehouse, Hamo along with co-defendants, allegedly stole copper wires, power tools, and other items. The group, along with Anastacio, allegedly transported, altered, and stored the copper wires for resale.

Assistant attorneys general Chemere McField and Margo Brown are prosecuting the case. Defense attorneys Joaquin Torres and William Fitzgerald are counsels for Babaut and Anastacio respectively.

Kagman High School mock trial team members watched the trial yesterday.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho presided over the jury trial that began on Monday. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

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# Governor touts breadfruit's economic potential at workshop

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
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REPORTER

Gov. Eloy S. Inos led the transplanting into a pot of Ma'afala breadfruit plantlets brought by experts from Hawaii as part of yesterday's workshop that kicked off the administration's breadfruit initiative. The governor touted the breadfruit's potential to help fuel the local economy driven mainly by tourism.

"I hope this will be a good start for a new industry," the governor told a crowd of agriculture experts, farmers, businesses and others gathered in Room D1 of Northern Marianas College yesterday afternoon.

He said the demand for gluten-free food source such as breadfruit has picked up, and the CNMI—where breadfruit is a staple—is seeing its economic potential.

Craig R. Elevitch, director of the Hawaii-based Agroforestry Net, and Kalani Souza, director of Olohana Foundation also based in Hawaii, flew in from Hawaii yesterday for a two-day workshop on breadfruit.

The workshop, free of charge to anyone interested, continues today. It is made possible through a memorandum of understanding between the CNMI and the Pacific Business Center Program at the University of Hawaii.

The governor, who dropped

in at yesterday's workshop, hopes that the CNMI's application for federal grants to help develop a breadfruit industry will be approved.

At the workshop, Elevitch guided the governor in transplanting the first of over 140 Ma'afala breadfruit plantlets into a pot.

Ma'afala, a breadfruit variety, is known for its excellent eating qualities, compact tree form, and high protein, making it ideal for flour production.

"I didn't expect there's great interest in here," Inos said as he surveyed the workshop participants.

The workshop came a day after the House of Representatives adopted a joint resolution expressing support in diversifying the CNMI's economy by developing breadfruit flour as a value-added agricultural export product.

House Joint Resolution 18-12, adopted by a vote of 17-0, is headed to the Senate.

Months back, the governor formed a Breadfruit Initiative Task Force led by Ivan A. Blanco of the Office of Grants Management.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, right, prepares to transplant into a pot a Ma'afala breadfruit plantlet with the help of Hawaii-based Agroforestry Net director Craig R. Elevitch, left, during a workshop in Room D1 of Northern Marianas College yesterday afternoon.



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**Agenda**

1. Preliminary Matters
  - a. Call to Order and Roll Call
  - b. Introductions
  - c. Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Government Act, 1 CMC § 9901 et seq.)
  - d. Final Approval of July 10, 2013 Meeting Minutes
2. Executive Director's Report
  - a. 2013 Products
  - b. 2014 Products
  - c. FY 2014 Budget
  - d. Sale Items
3. Old Business
  - a. Professional Services
4. New Business
  - a. Commonwealth Administrative Code
  - b. Municipal Ordinances & Trust Territory Code & Cases
  5. Other Business
  6. Tentative Date for Next Meeting and Adjournment



# Federal agents arrest 2 in alleged fake marriage

Federal agents have arrested two persons who allegedly defrauded the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services by engaging in a fake marriage.

Xiaoying Tang Dowai and Jesse J. T. Dowai were arrested after an indictment was filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI charging them with conspiracy to commit visa fraud and to defraud the U.S., visa fraud, and false document.

The indictment was filed

last Oct. 22, but was unsealed only yesterday.

Xiaoying Dowai was arrested last week, while Jesse Dowai was apprehended on Monday.

The defendants, through their court-appointed counsels, pleaded not guilty.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona allowed the temporary release of the defendants upon the posting of \$10,000 each in unsecured bond.

Jury trial will be on Jan.

27, 2014.

According to the indictment, on Sept. 3, 2009, the defendants were married on Saipan. On Sept. 28, 2011, Jesse Dowai executed a Form I-130 containing false information, while on that same day Xiaoying Dowai executed a Form I-485 containing false information.

A U.S. citizen who wanted their foreign-born national spouse to attain legal permanent

resident status on the basis of their marriage was required to complete and submit to USCIS Form I-130, or the "Petition for Alien Relative."

On the other hand, a foreign-born national who sought legal permanent resident status on the basis of marriage to a U.S. citizen was, in turn, required to complete and submit to USCIS a Form I-485 or the "Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status."

Jesse Dowai stated in the Form I-130 that the last address at which he and his wife had "lived together" was "McArthur St., Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950."

According to the indictment, the defendants knew the statement was false and fraudulent, in that they had never lived together.

Xiaoying Dowai allegedly falsely certified in the Form I-485 that as of February 2012,

she and Jesse Dowai had been living together in an apartment on "McArthur Street, Gualo Rai, Saipan."

Xiaoying Dowai also stated that after marrying Jesse Dowai, she moved with him "into an apartment in Garapan," where they lived "for seven months."

The indictment alleges that Xiaoying had never lived with Jesse Dowai. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## Chamber hires new executive director

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce board of directors has selected Patrick Leon Guerrero as its new executive director.

Leon Guerrero has over 25 year's management experience in both government and private sectors with emphasis in utility and construction industries.

Saipan businesses are challenged

with the rising costs of utility services and having someone with Leon Guerrero's background and experience could



Leon Guerrero

chief of operations for CUC and has institutional knowledge regarding CUC regulations and operations.

He continues to conduct research and opportunities to re-

duce the islands' dependence on fossil fuels. Leon Guerrero was instrumental in formulating the Water Task Force in 2003, the Task Force has managed federal grants in excess of \$40 million dedicated to improve the production and

delivery of a 24-hour water for the island of Saipan.

Leon Guerrero moved to Saipan in 1991 and is married to Bertha C. Leon Guerrero. Both are very active members of the community, they participate in public forum events,

involved with the Mariana Islands Natures Alliance and DEQ Beach Cleanup Brigade as well as church ministries. Leon Guerrero is also the commissioner of the Commonwealth Football League Association. (*PR*)



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A PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2013 AT 10:30 A.M., LOCAL TIME** AT THE GUMA HUSTISIA CONFERENCE ROOM. ANY QUESTIONS OR INQUIRIES SHALL BE DIRECTED TO MR. MICHAEL VILLACRUS, SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR AT (670) 236-9800 OR BY FAX TO (670) 236-9702 NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013**. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS OR INQUIRIES SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS.

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/s/ ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO  
Chief Justice

/s/ JUAN DIEGO TENORIO  
Budget and Finance Director  
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## D&amp;Q donates vanload of medications, goods

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

Dickerson & Quinn, a privately owned international distributor of consumer and food products, donated yesterday a vanload of medications and other goods worth \$5,099 for the victims of supertyphoon Haiyan (Yolanda), which reduced many cities and towns in the central Philippines into rubble.

United Filipino Organization officials received D&Q's donation yesterday afternoon. The goods were delivered to LBC Mabuhay in Susupe. LBC is shipping the donated "balik-bayan" boxes for free to LBC Foundation, which will then turn them over to the Philippine National Red Cross.

D&Q resident manager Max P. Kretzers told reporters that it is obvious that everybody needs something to help the typhoon victims in the Philippines.

Kretzers said their company makes donations on a regular basis to different charitable organizations.

"Philippine blood runs through Saipan. My wife is half-Filipina. Her father was one of the first Filipino contract



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

United Filipino Organization officials receive a vanload of goods worth \$5,099 donated by D&Q for victims of supertyphoon Haiyan (Yolanda) yesterday at LBC Mabuhay office in Susupe. D&Q resident manager Max Kretzers, fourth from right, and a D&Q staff delivered the goods to LBC, which will ship them for free to the Philippine National Red Cross.

workers. I have Filipino workers. We're just all connected so you have to do something," the resident manager said.

D&Q's donated goods are mostly over-the-counter medications for cough, sore throat, runny nose, fever reducer, pain reliever, itchy eye relief, and several cases of breakfast cereals, 30 boxes of chicken gravy, among other products.

UFO president Annamae Adaza said they are so grateful

that D&Q made the donation through UFO.

"So we have to make sure that those donations will go straight to the victims," Adaza said.

Adaza also disclosed that GIG Discotheque, through Nizeki Saipan Co. Ltd. marketing manager Ayuko Iwane, donated a check worth \$1,760 Monday night for typhoon victims.

Adaza said the money will be turned over to ABS-CBN's Sagip Kapamilya program.

The UFO president said they have already filled 212 balikbayan boxes in the last three days of sorting donated in-kind items at the LBC Mabuhay storeroom.

Another sorting was scheduled last night.

LBC customer associate Manuelito Lucas said they will be accepting relief goods until Nov. 30, 2013. He said a 40-foot container has a load capacity of 400 boxes.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**JKPL closed Dec. 2-7**

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library is sorry to inform the public that from Dec. 2 to 7, 2013, the library will be closed for inventory. (PR)

**CGC has new telephone numbers**

Learn more about substance abuse and mental health services by contacting the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Community Guidance Center

at its new telephone numbers 323-6560/1 and fax number 323-6590.

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Remember, prevention works, treatment is effective,

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**SHEFA deadlines**

The Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance would like to post the following reminders:

■ Deadline for Spring 2014 application is on Dec. 2, 2013 (Monday)

■ Deadline for Spring 2014 supporting documents is on Feb. 28, 2015

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**Transfer station, Marpi Landfill closed on Thanksgiving**

In observance of Thanksgiving Day tomorrow, Nov. 28, 2013, the Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station and the Marpi Landfill will be closed all day. Regular schedule will resume on Friday, Nov. 29, 2013, from 7:30am to 11:30am and 12:30pm to 4pm. (PR)

## Flashback

## A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

November 27, 2005

**First Holiday Bazaar draws crowd**

The inaugural Holiday Bazaar in the CNMI drew hundreds of spectators and consumers yesterday as they shopped and took a look around for the best gift items this holiday season. Organizer Lydia Tan said the bazaar was the first time Brilliant Star School put up such an event on Saipan. She said she was very overwhelmed with the turnout for the project. She said the school aimed at gathering parents of the school and members of the community to a one-day fun-filled weekend and get to collect their early Christmas giveaways and presents. Tan said more than 16 volunteers and vendors put up booths inside the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

**Aging Office to continue Call-A-Ride program**

The Office on Aging will continue to operate the Call-A-Ride program even as the three-month timeframe it gave itself to run the service has lapsed. Aging Office director Joseph Palacios said his office would still operate the service that benefits most of his clients. Despite some minimal setbacks on this operation, Palacios said he remains positive about the program. Palacios admitted he is quite worried about its future and whether it again should be ran by a private company or not. However, he is enthusiastic that the advent of public mass transportation in the CNMI would solve all his woes.

November 27, 2006

**MPLA spent \$1.3M in travel in 4 years**

The defunct Marianas Public Lands Authority adopted policies that allowed former board members and employees to increase travel expenses by over \$1 million, while revenues decreased by almost \$10 million, according to a report by the Office of the Public Auditor. The OPA report was based on a review of 195 travel authorizations with a total cost of about \$1.2 million. This sample represents about 90 percent of MPLA's \$1.3 million travel-related costs from FY2001 to FY2005. The report detailed travel abuses by former employees and board members of MPLA, which was abolished earlier this year. It highlighted policies and practices that permitted personnel to receive very generous travel benefits. It also offered suggestions on how government can cut travel spending.

**Group health faced with 16K claims**

Although it has a third party administrator, the NMI Retirement Fund's group health insurance program is burdened with having to process and settle some 16,000 medical claims of its members. Fund administrator Mark A. Aguon said these claims were received by the previous TPA, Hawaii Pacific Medical Referral, but were not taken in by Aetna Global. "We are reconciling these claims now. It's done by our staff. We're doing it in-house," said Aguon. The Fund decided not to refer these old claims to Aetna Global, its new third party administrator, to avoid billing problems. Aguon said that based on its experience with HPMR, it is deemed wise not to burden the new TPA with old claims.

November 27, 2007

**New nursing college opens**

Emmanuel College, the first vocational nursing school in the Marianas, welcomed 20 students during its opening ceremony yesterday at the Koreana Hotel, Pacific Towers. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Saipan Mayor Juan B. Tudela, House Speaker Oscar Babauta, and a representative for Tinian Mayor Jose San Nicholas participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The establishment of the new school, Fitial said, signals the start of the local health care industry and the community only stands to benefit from this new industry's growth. "This will lead to good paying jobs in the CNMI," he said.

**CUC starts replacing alien engineers**

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is now in the process of hiring resident engineers who will eventually replace the nonresident engineers at the utility agency. At the same time, CUC is searching for accounting personnel who can work at the Customers' Service Division. "We're really looking for people who are willing to commit to the utility because we don't gain anything from an employee who comes in for a short period of time only," CUC spokesperson Pamela Mathis told Saipan Tribune yesterday.

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Pinky Antonino, senior therapist said, "We do this annually, as a way for us to show our appreciation to our valued customers."

To start things off, Serenity Salon and Spa is having a buy

one, get one half off promo applicable to more than 30 different services they have available. (The list of discounted services is available on the premises.)

Antonino followed, "For as long as the first purchase cost is higher than the second purchase or equivalent, the second service may be availed for just half the price at any day the client chooses."

Aside from the buy one, get one half off promo, Serenity

Salon and Spa also has multiple packages to choose from. One package may contain a minimum of six different special treatments, such as Serenity Signature Massage, Anti-aging Facial, Diamond Peel, and etc.

"We also have a variety of packages that is meant to be priced, very well beyond \$150, but we are now just giving it for just a flat rate of \$100," Antonino added.

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boasts of courteous and friendly staff to assist its clients.

"We are committed in providing better services to the people of the CNMI. We always want to improve and update the services that we can offer. These are just some of the reason why you have to choose Serenity Salon and Spa," said Antonino.

For more information on Serenity Salon and Spa's Thanksgiving promotions, call 233-6688. **(Hana Ivy Babauta)**



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Serenity Salon and Spa will once again will be offering its Thanksgiving promotions starting this week. Photo shows Serenity Salon and Spa staff posing for a group photo.

### SOLICITATION TO SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Recently a motion was filed to reopen Civil Case No. CV-01-0031, *DOE I, et al., v. THE GAP, INC., et al.*, which was granted and Timothy H. Bellas, has been appointed by the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands to distribute certain residual funds which were previously held in trust for a contingent liability that never required payment.

Therefore, a residual amount of money exists which, by the terms of the Settlement Agreement in the above entitled case, is to be donated to charity.

As a result, all non-profit organizations, who qualify for charitable status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c), are asked to submit a request for a donation from this Residual Fund. Preference will be given to organizations whose charitable services are available to all members of the CNMI Community.

At a minimum, requests should state: 1) the amount requested; 2) describe what type of charitable activity the organization is involved in and 3) how any funds which may be donated to the organization would be used. Requests from organizations who are not well known as charitable, should also submit evidence of their 501(c) status.

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Timothy H. Bellas  
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All requests must be in writing and received no later than December 13, 2013 in order to be considered.

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## EDITORIAL

### Hope trumps experience in Iran deal

**T**he Obama administration has cut an interim nuclear deal with Iran that gravely worries some of America's strongest allies in the Middle East and even gives pause to some of President Barack Obama's allies in the U.S. Senate.

It's easy to see what Iran gets out of this: a reprieve from crippling economic sanctions worth some \$6 billion to \$7 billion in cash.

It's more difficult to figure that Iran views this as the first step toward giving up its nuclear ambitions. Iran will stall some of its development efforts, but it will not significantly step back from the timetable it faces to build a nuclear weapon.

Iran curbs, but doesn't stop, enriching uranium in the interim deal. It continues to enrich at lower levels, though it commits to dilute or neutralize its higher enriched uranium that is closer to weapons grade. At best, this could add a few weeks to the time Iran needs to produce weapons-grade uranium for a bomb.

Tehran faces other modest curbs. It can't install new centrifuges but it can keep those it has and replace broken units. Iran will allow inspectors to visit its declared nuclear sites daily to ensure that it is not cheating. That's of limited value if Iran has secret nuclear facilities.

One concession of value: Iran cannot take critical steps to bring online its nuclear power plant at Arak. If that reactor goes online, its spent fuel eventually could be reprocessed into plutonium. That's a second path to the bomb for Iran. Once the reactor starts, any military action against it would be nearly unthinkable because an explosion would risk nuclear fallout.

The reason for deep concern, though, is that Iran escapes from some of the economic sanctions that forced it to negotiate in the first place. The Obama administration says those sanctions can be reinstated if Iran cheats or negotiations fail. But Iran will reap the benefit of billions of dollars. And it may not be that easy to persuade international businesses to forgo trade with Tehran if trade resumes.

Republicans, as would be expected, sharply criticized the terms of the deal. But Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Robert Menendez, a Democrat from New Jersey, was unsparing as well. "In my view, this agreement did not proportionally reduce Iran's nuclear program for the relief it is receiving," he said.

He might as well have said hope has triumphed over experience.

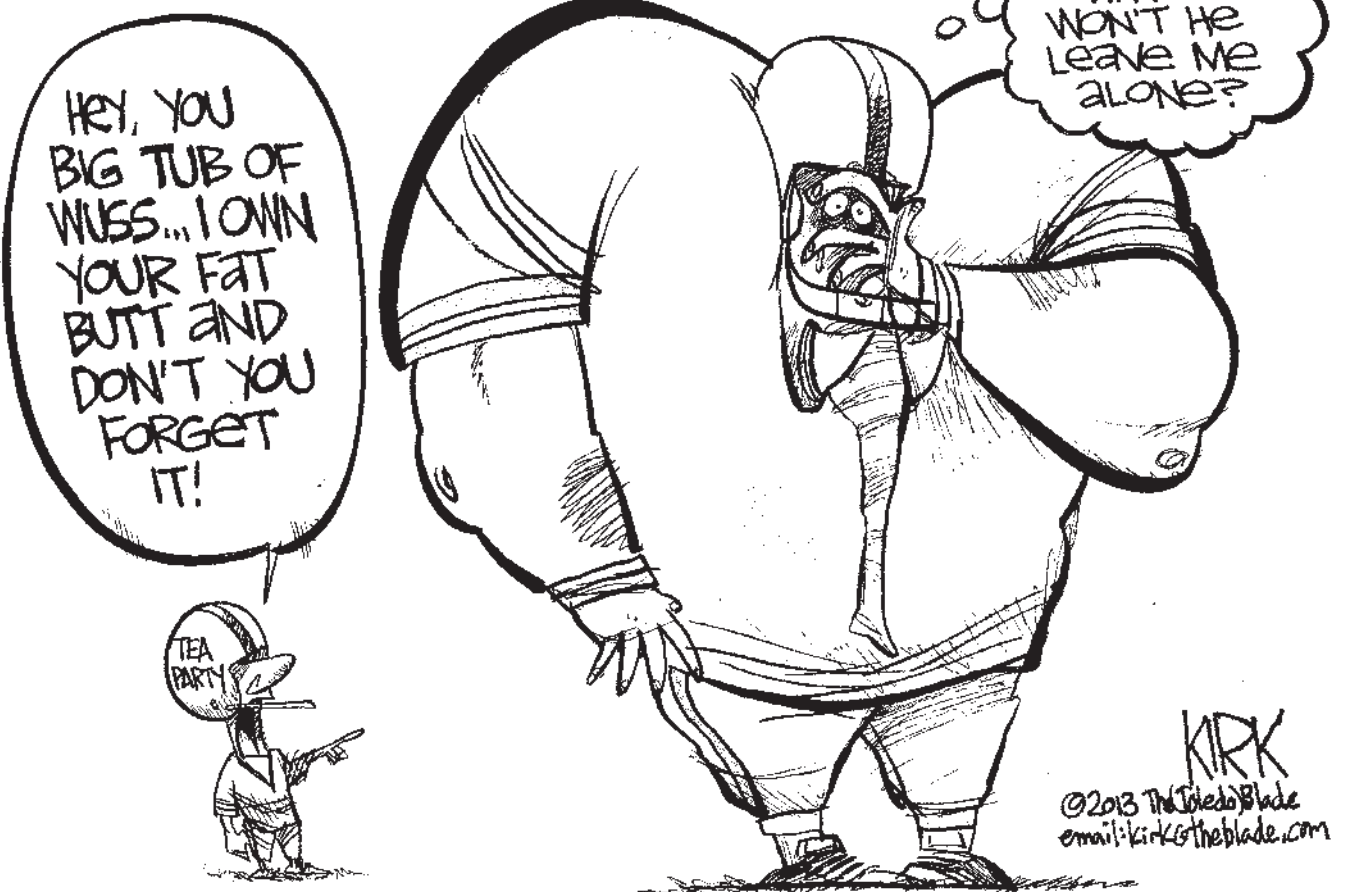
The deal provides six months for negotiations toward a final agreement. It also buys Iran time to gain a firmer financial footing. The greatest risk here is that Iran—which has a history of duplicity in its dealings with the world on nuclear matters—will lead along negotiators for months and then resume its efforts to build a nuclear weapon.

The deal should not halt bipartisan efforts in the U.S. Senate to approve legislation for tougher economic sanctions on Iran. In the hours after the deal was announced, there were indications that Democrats might still join Republicans in that effort, but Democrats wouldn't agree to new sanctions that would take effect during the six-month negotiating window. The best that may be on the table is legislation that would quickly impose harsher sanctions if Iran violates the agreement or walks away from negotiations.

The U.S. and other nations who negotiated this deal appear to have put only a speed bump in front of Iran, a speed bump in a very dangerous race.

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## THE HAZING CONTINUES...



## Why I won't donate to relief efforts for typhoon Haiyan

**T**he damage from Typhoon Haiyan has been absolutely horrific. We've all seen the images of the disaster by now. The death count is still being tallied, but many people believe it could be 10,000 or more, and hundreds of thousands of people have had their homes destroyed. Children have been orphaned, towns destroyed, and lives turned upside down.

Many charities are actively soliciting donations to fund relief efforts, tapping the public's willingness to help those who suffer due to large-scale natural disasters. This is a pattern of generosity that says a lot about the collective heart of our world.

Nevertheless, I will not be donating to the relief efforts. I also didn't donate to the relief efforts for the Haitian earthquake of 2010, Japanese earthquake and tsunami of 2011, or the Indian Ocean tsunami of 2004. Before you write me off as a stingy, selfish scrooge, you might be interested to know that I give far more to charity than the national average—just not to disaster relief.

It's not that I'm concerned about charity scams (which are easily avoided with modest amounts of due diligence) or have doubts about the severity of the disaster (which is obvious from the media reports). My rationale is very simple: some charities that are involved in developmental aid can do more good, dollar-for-dollar, than those that handle disaster relief.

Every day, 18,000 children around the world die from preventable causes like malaria, tuberculosis, and diarrheal diseases (from dirty drinking water and poor sanitation). We have the knowledge and technology to prevent these deaths—in fact, they have been virtually eradicated in the United States before most of us were born. The bottleneck to preventing these deaths is the money for mosquito nets, clean water, and vaccines. Deaths from preventable causes don't get the same coverage as natural disasters, but they happen every day, adding up to a lot more suffering and deserving of our attention.

Unfortunately, I don't have enough money to pay for all the needs of victims of "event" disasters as well as "every day" disasters. Even Bill Gates isn't that rich. Donors face choices about how to allocate their giving. Many people find it offensive for donors to pit people who suffer from one horrible thing against those who suffer from another. I, too, find it offensive, but prioritization is reality in a world with limited resources.

Many donors avoid prioritizing by slicing their giving pie into many pieces, giving small amounts to lots of different causes and charities—putting some money in development and some in disaster relief. However, spreading donations thin is an evasive response to challenging questions about the best use of donor money. Your money will make more of an

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impact if you give larger amounts to fewer organizations that you have more conviction in, so if you care about impact, it's your responsibility to make these choices. Consider the following as you make your choice:

Charities working in global health and development prevent tragedies from happening, rather than respond afterward. While disaster relief can certainly prevent additional suffering and loss of life, it is much more compelling to address problems before they happen rather than clean up after them.

For charities working in global health and development, lack of money is often the most critical barrier to providing more aid. In contrast, well-publicized disasters can elicit billions in donations over a short period of time; the biggest obstacles for charities working in this area are logistical, not financial. Roads and other infrastructure are often destroyed, so charities can't get supplies to those in need. This points toward developmental charities being able to make better use of donations.

Charities that work in global health and development typically use extremely inexpensive, but proven solutions to save lives. Examples include mosquito nets (to prevent malaria), clean water, and vaccinations. Disaster relief, on the other hand, is often much more costly due to the logistical challenges associated with rushing aid to areas where the roads and other infrastructure have been destroyed. This inefficiency means that disaster relief can't get as much "bang for the buck."

These reasons for favoring "every day" aid over disaster relief are supported by research from experience. A report from the World Bank echoes this view: "The emotional and sensationalized climate of disaster response has prevented the adoption of a cost-effectiveness approach in decision making. Emergency health interventions like temporary shelters and field hospitals are indisputably more costly and less effective than time-tested health activities" (Source: Disease Control Priorities Project).

Charities rarely acknowledge this, possibly because it might

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## Dismantling constitutionalism

**W**e've been taught the essence and principles of liberty and its continuing role in the strengthening of our democratic institutions. It's basic material in civics classes.

Foremost, is the lesson on the fidelity to the "rule and execution of laws"—abiding by the laws of the land—the elected and appointed officials have sworn to uphold under the constitution.

In its simplest form, it's about obedience to the laws to which elected and appointed officials have taken an oath to follow.

Strange though the spread of a virus among public officials creating delusions that any of them may unilaterally decide a law is non-existent or unconstitutional and refuses to follow the law or defend it in court. Is the NMI a government of laws or of men? Isn't the new delusional virus smacks exactly the sort of monarchical power the founders of the U.S. Constitution sought to avoid?

Recently, the federal district court, administration, and the Legislature have colluded to ignore the constitutionally protected pension program from reduction and impairment. The combined overreach in authority may be a fiscal necessity, but it remains a constitutional violation.

The illegal acquisition of presumptuous authority is to ignore the constitutional limits set under Article III, Section 20. The district court, administration and legislature felt it fitting to reduce this constitutional provision into regulatory convenience. The self-expanded unshackled functions openly violate the separation of powers as the triad goes on autopilot largely unaffected by its adjudicated regulation.

Judging from their recent conduct, the departure from constitutionalism has grown more common, a permanent derangement of the political system so far removed from the plans and intentions of the founding fathers. More important is the collusion to violate constitutional provisions compromising them into their own creature of administrative convenience.

Furthermore, it effectively establishes an "administrative state" that strays from the principles of liberty and the clear objective of limited government. The entire country is already destined to receive over 100 major regulations under the Obama presidency where there would be more intrusions and violations of our individual liberties.

This design would careen out of control oblivious to constitutional restraint. It means that we must recommit ourselves to the principles and policies of federal and local constitutionalism. We can't don the role of a guard dog walking off the territory of individual liberties without barking at invasive intruders.

The open violation and shredding of pertinent constitutional provision reveals that while we suspiciously believe in the fidelity to the rule of law, we equally see fit abrogating—via direct violation of constitutional law—to meet the political end of the

retirement program's settlement agreement. Understandable the fiscal aspect of the issue but the decision of complete abrogation remains unconstitutional.

Indeed, the governor has unique responsibilities under our constitutional system of government as head of state. His powers however do not include authority to make laws or decide which laws to enforce and which to ignore. He took an oath to uphold and enforce the laws of the land. Did he?

Moreover, the decision by the federal district court to ignore Article III, Section 20 of the NMI Constitution boils down to the familiar and most prominent form of judicial activism. The "usurpation of the functions of the other two branches of government and transformed in the courts has the equivalence of policymaking that wields wide-ranging powers." It demonstrates in no uncertain terms that democracy isn't functioning as intended by the founding fathers. The court must cease and desist from such exercise by the staying the path of constitutionalism.

No matter the challenges, each branch of government must ac-

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cede to the dictates of the constitution honoring the doctrine of separation of powers. The founding fathers never intended for any branch to arbitrarily and without limit overreach the constitutional limits of its roles and functions. Constitutionalism is the path to strengthening our democratic republic.

### Learning the basics

It isn't surprising how many of our people lack basic knowledge on issues such as those found in the Covenant Agreement, NMI Constitution, first principles, the concept of separation of powers, natural rights to property, and other current issues.

Thus the apparent disconnect whenever an organized discussion is conducted on land alienation (Article XII), matters on foreign affairs, immigration, sovereignty, control of exclusive economic zone, and ownership of seabed resources. Some are convinced and have braved spouting views as though the NMI is a sovereign state. Call it anything you wish but it lacks intellectual integrity. It isn't and it pays to review Section One of the agreement.

This view has spread like wildfire that even former policymakers have created the delusion that the NMI is under a "guarded" sovereignty. Nice try but then why fan the fire of intellectual dishonesty. Either the NMI is sovereign or not. We fit the latter full square.

Indeed, there's a lot of room for open and healthy discussions including unraveling the purposeful spin of Section 805 of the agreement. It's now being used as a seeming right to deny landowners their land. It's a temporary provision to protect external exploitation of land during the incipient years of our constitutional government.

It was never intended to nullify the NMI's land tenure system, a system of individual ownership where landowners own their land 100 percent. Moreover, final disposition of their property is solely theirs. Nor did federal courts ever address the constitutionality of the provision. It only took the flag and said the two sides agreed, therefore, it's good.

The clever spin that the U.S. affixed its signature on the UN Charter on Indigenous Rights is true. But it did so with a guarantee of non-discrimination against citizens. Is this too hard to admit and explain in forthright fashion?

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Racist game

Mr. Kevin Rodeo's rendition of H.R. 18-34 as a "racist resolution" is a canon ball fired by an inept driven and callous calculating person that plays the "racist" game, and does not consider that he himself is a racist of the worst kind. It is ironic that after all these years of making a living in the NMI, Mr. Rodeo finds it convenient and appropriate to label the indigenous people of the NMI as "racist" people according to his term. Mr. Rodeo, if you have a racial affiliation, then you are a "racist" regardless of what and how you rationalize your ego and social trappings.

First of all, the H.R. 18-34 is a piece of legislative message to the U.S. Congress in support of the opposition of the majority of the citizens of the U.S. favoring the status quo in reference to the pathway to citizenship for some 12 million non-citizens of the U.S. Nearly 60 percent of the U.S. citizens population of the United States do not favor the automatic grant of citizenship to these non-citizens. The magnitude of the opposition is not just a few thousand, but more than 100 million in the U.S.. In Mr. Rodeo's term of racism, is he saying that these U.S. citizens in the United States are racist because they raise a strong opposition to the idea of amnesty like immigration legislation by the liberals in the U.S. Congress?

The lad misses the point altogether, and has no inclination of what this type of messaging could draw from the indigenous

people who are very patient to this time and not yet aroused by his intended stereotyping of my people as "racist." The message to Mr. Rodeo is clear in that if a racist is a person that wants to preserve their culture, their heritage, their language, their faith, then you may call them racists, and so be it. But, then he is also a racist because of his ideological underpinning subjecting a group of people in their own motherland as subjects to be dissolved, disarranged, discharged, and disregarded like shooing a day fly because it is nuisance to the majority minority people that taking over the realm of the social order and civility from a people known as the Chamorro and Carolinian people who lived on and belonged to these islands thousand of years before Mr. Rodeo took his first breath of air after his birth in one of these islands. Are the indigenous people wrong for guarding and preserving their ancestral laws as a people?

Mr. Rodeo would not understand the deep meaning and sacred vows of the indigenous people about their islands and social life, and he would not find any rationalization to it from the liberal experiences he acquired from schooling and social indoctrination of influences by his presence in the California area or elsewhere, and neither would written laws make the case.

Mr. Rodeo, "racism" refers to outwardly acting unprejudiced while inwardly maintaining prejudiced attitude. Isn't that true for you Mr. Rodeo? This connotation also applies to Mr. Gregorio C. Sablan who is representing the indigenous people of the NMI. If any of you who does not realize and internalize this human propensity and learned behavior, then please do explain your take on this as a human being. No one is an island all to himself, and still proclaim

he is not a racist. The problem here Mr. Rodeo only demonstrated his infantile assertion for failing to recognize his own racist inclination and poorly reasoned proposition regarding the purpose of H.R. 18-34. Sociologist and former American Sociological Association president Joe Feagin posits that the United States can be characterized as a "total racist society." Only a non-human being would declare itself as a non-racist, and that is my pet dog "Spot."

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cause people to stop giving to disaster relief altogether, but it is implicit in their budgeting processes. As an example, when donors give unrestricted gifts to charities that do both disaster relief and development like Oxfam and UNICEF—letting them decide where it is needed most—more of it may go to development than disaster relief. (And if you do feel compelled to do something to help others in the wake of the typhoon, making an unrestricted donation to an organization like this would be more effective than earmarking your gift for their typhoon relief fund.)






The reason I don't give to disaster relief efforts is not due to callousness or obliviousness. The evidence is clear that there are charitable programs that are more effective than disaster relief, and I want my donations to do as much good as possible.



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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### Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼79
Palau	Showers	▲86 ▼76
Yap	Showers	▲89 ▼77
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼80
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼76
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼79

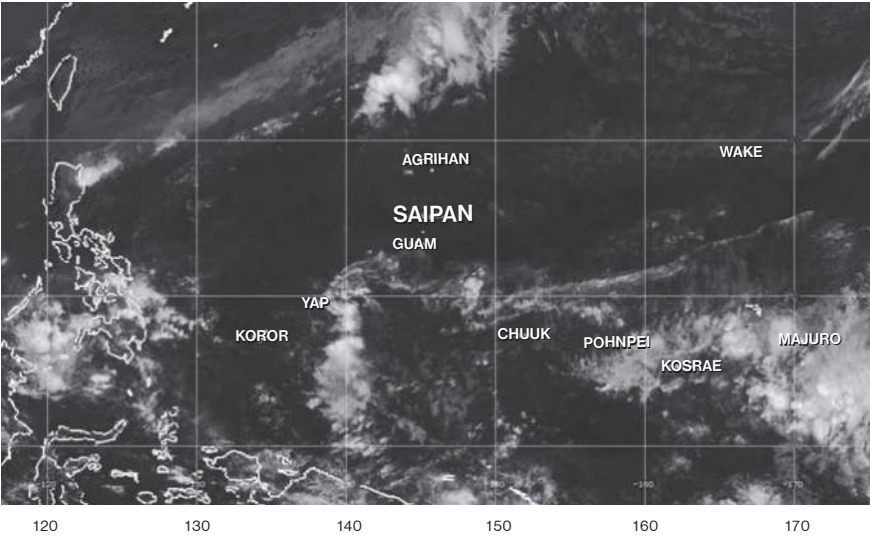
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲71 ▼65
Beijing	Windy	▲35 ▼21
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲70 ▼58
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲82 ▼69
London	Cloudy	▲47 ▼42
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲73 ▼53
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼77
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲87 ▼66
Miami	Thundershowers	▲81 ▼73
New York	Showers	▲41 ▼39
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲60 ▼48
Paris	Cloudy	▲43 ▼38
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲56 ▼35
Rome	Windy	▲47 ▼35
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲51 ▼36
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲65 ▼49
Seoul	Ice	▲37 ▼25
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲60 ▼53
Washington, DC	Ice	▲40 ▼41

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
1:55 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.3 Feet
8:05 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
2:55 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
9:51 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front curves southwestward from southeast of Okinawa at 25N142E to beyond 130E at 19N. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found along and up to 350 miles north of this front. Convergent south winds ahead of the front are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Iwo To within 100 miles of a line from 22N141E to 25N143E. Another cold front extends southwestward from 25N179E to 20N167E then continues westward as a shear line to end close to the Northern CNMI near 18N147E to the east of 174E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present northeast of Wake Island along and up 200 miles northwest of the front. A surface trough extends northward from 3N141E to 10N141E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring southeast of Yap within 100 miles of the trough axis. A near-equatorial trough curves east-southeastward from near Pohnpei at 7N157E to a weak circulation centered south of Majuro near 2N172E then continues to the east-northeast to end near 7N180. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen across portions of Pohnpei and Kosrae states within 130 miles of a line from 5N158E to 7N167E and also over the Marshall Islands between 1N and 10N from 167E to the date line.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:25 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:25 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:26 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:26 AM	5:45 PM
Sunday	6:27 AM	5:45 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:45 AM	1:09 PM
Thursday	1:35 AM	1:50 PM
Friday	2:26 AM	2:33 PM
Saturday	3:21 AM	3:19 PM
Sunday	4:18 AM	4:10 PM

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<b>SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)</b> DL287 6:05am 8:40am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 DL297 4:30pm 7:20pm Daily	<b>NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN</b> DL298 10:25am 3:00pm Daily DL288 8:55pm 1:30am+1 1, 3, 4, 5, 7
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<b>SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)</b> MU764 4:10am 8:00am 1, 5	<b>BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN</b> MU763 7:55pm 3:10am+1 4, 7
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>							
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
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FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



## NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Uneven plane

The Senate Bill S. 744 section 2109 to allow 13,000 CW to apply for U.S. citizenship is a threat to our social and economic wellbeing at present.

1. At present many indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian have less skills training to apply for a job.

2. The Workforce Investment Agency does not have adequate resources and manpower to provide training to many jobless high school graduates and unemployed individuals in CNMI.

3. Employers are struggling to make ends meet to hire none qualified workers to be able to meet the demands for their customers.

4. Many Chamorro, Carolinian, and IR families will be jobless if this happens. Because employers will go for skilled workers, which means more immigrant workers.

5. And Chamorros and Carolinians will be minority in their own land.

6. Yes in the years to come we will eventually be gone, but at least give us the opportunity to live and rule our land.

7. Those longtime CW with families will also be part of the minority group. Many of these

CWs came in as waitresses, domestic helpers, farmers, and laborers for working parents of Chamorros and Carolinians. Only a few of these workers are college graduates of accredited colleges such as nurses and technicians.

8. Many of us are families and friends of this CWs, whom now we have to offend to defend what, is rightfully ours.

9. This Senate bill opens the gate to pathway of U.S. citizen market. And CNMI is very vulnerable to be invaded by those immigrants.

9. When U.S. Immigration takes over, our economy was dropping so fast, that we lost many investors.

10. Many locals had to quit their jobs because they cannot afford to hire a nanny or a house worker.

11. Many CWs with U.S. dependents who were hired as laborers or house workers lost their jobs too.

12. The amount of revenue we generate here in CNMI is way too low compared to that in Guam and Hawaii.

13. There is no way, an employer can generate revenue to hire and train local employees

with no skills.

14. Right now even as we speak, this abrupt decision creates racism among the longtime resident workers and the local residents.

15. We, the CNMI residents, are also offended, and feel that we have been taken advantaged of because of the number of population and the level of education we have.

16. The promise made in the covenant to help educate and train the people of the CNMI to be able to rebuild the economy has not been completed, because U.S. Congress and many who are here to negotiate forgot to provide the experts (which we do not have) to train and guide us, or show us the way to comply with the constitution and the law. Even our college is struggling to get accredited.

Rather than supporting Killi's bill I will oppose it, because even at present Chamorros and Carolinians are struggling to get a job. Imagine if we became minority in our own land, what's going to happen? No more Chamorro and Carolinian can run for office and win. No more job for our children, because they need skills trainings. No more government job for us. And what's left for us? Labor-intensive jobs, a reverse of what we have now. Then later we are going to be homeless because we will be forced to sell our land due to poverty.

So, parents and children start investing in college now, because soon whether this Senate bill is passed or not we are still going there. That is our future. These CWs will become our families and friends, whether we like it or not.

I also want to remind U.S. Congress that most of the

Chamorros and Carolinians at the time of the Covenant Agreement were not even high school graduates. And we were promised education and training and up until now this part was never fulfilled. How can we defend ourselves when we are not at same level of understanding? Yes you give us funding, but what good is the funding without training?

We do not want to become

enemies of our friends and families, who are longtime resident and will be affected by this bill. Many of these of these longtime resident are contributing to our economy at present and we do not wish to give them the impression that they are not welcome here. We just want to make sure that we in the same page with everyone else. Please reconsider, and revisit our group.

My parents went to school and raised me properly. But how about those whose parents did not go to school, how can you expect something from them? Please revisit this issue, and let us work together. The next time you visit, please meet and talk with our group.

Peace to all!

**Winnie Atalig**  
San Jose Village, Tinian

## Be proud of our legislators

I have been watching the performance of our legislators on Capital Hill for the last 12 years. As always there is a group that makes me proud to be a citizen of the CNMI. They are not aligned by party but by principle. They want to help the people, help themselves to improve their lives.

Also, there is a group that makes me angry because they do not seem to have the best interest of the people in their hearts. I have no interest to name those that make me sad. Your readers only have to look back at our recent history to identify the ones that followed the leadership of our former failed governor, Benigno R. Fitial. They voted with the governor strictly by politics, for their own interest, not the people who elected them. You can go back and read the

newspaper articles to see what they did to put us in a deep hole of depression. I do not have to mention their names or how they voted that illustrated their stupidity. But, that said they were also supposed to represent the "people" who put them in power. Thank God that the CNMI is changing to become more a more humane place. We are all humans!

There are still at least two groups of politicians in our government, one based on principles to help the CNMI and its people and one based on politics who are still living in the past. As a community we need to move ahead to be: fair to all, provide opportunities to all, to follow the U.S. Constitution to guarantee our freedoms, and to eliminate the so called elite class that tells us what is right and wrong.

Using simple criteria, and also being concerned that a politician's beauty is only skin deep, I like what I see in the following people in our Legislature; Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, IR-Saipan; Vice Speaker Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Ind.-Saipan; Reps. Tony P. Sablan, IR-Saipan; Edmund S. Villagomez, Covenant-Saipan; and Ralph N. Yumul, Ind.-Saipan. Watch them to see if they can earn your vote next year.

There is still a cleaning process that needs to be completed from the Fitial days. Watch the legislators who are not on my list to see if they really represent you. Power is in the people's hands not the politicians on Capital Hill.

**Frank Stewart**  
Capital Hill

## Times have changed

In a recent conversation with Rep. Tony P. Sablan, we talked about issues confronting us in the Commonwealth. We discussed matters with regards to we as Carolinians and Chamorros living together as U.S. citizens. As we talked, we evaluated our existence and agreed that it is no longer just us that make up our society, but also living together with all other citizens that call this islands their own home.

Since it is no longer possible to fall back and move these islands forward as Carolinians and Chamorros only, we all have to recognize the inevitable circumstance that we cannot do that alone. For us to do that, we need to co-exist with all others calling our islands their home.

The time has changed and as Alexander Pope said in his poem, "A little learning is a dangerous thing. Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring." We have to learn more the understanding that as U.S. citizens we have to live by the paramount clause that all men are created equal. This applies to the Commonwealth as we are now U.S. soil. Do we want to move backwards or move forward? If we are to move forward, please let everybody move forward together hand in hand.

I salute the five statesmen who voted against the resolution that is against the granting of improved status for long-term guest workers. I salute the governor and lieutenant governor. I

salute Delegate Kilili. I salute the Senate who will have voted for improved status. This is the group of men who believe that all men are created equal. I salute also all Carolinians and Chamorros that stands on this believe. *Si yu'us ma'ase*.

**Alexandro "Colonel" Sablan**  
Via email

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### Proposed Amendment to the Official Saipan Zoning Map (Rezone)

#### For Saipan Surfrider LLC (Surfrider Resort Spa and Beach Club)

The Commonwealth Zoning Board is seeking your comments on the following proposed amendment (rezone) to the Official Saipan Zoning Map. Saipan Surfrider LLC is requesting to rezone lots 012 H 20; 008 H 32; and 008 H 29 from "Village Commercial" to "Tourist Resort" for hotel and commercial space development. These areas are located north of the former Pacific Gardenia Hotel and east of Sandy Beach Homes in Chalan Kanoa.

A public hearing will be held on:

**Date:** Friday, December 27th, 2013  
**Time:** 5:00 pm  
**Place:** Zoning Office conference room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Joeten Dandan Bldg.

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, December 26, 2013. Please send written comments via e-mail to [Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp](mailto:Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp), via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### CUC-IFB-14-004

### AIRPORT ROAD RESTORATION FOR SAN VICENTE SERVICE AREA EXTENSION PROJECT, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Airport Road Restoration for San Vicente Service Area Extension Project, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

*This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).*

This work consists of excavation of flowable fill, and installation of asphalt concrete to replace pavement areas cut by CUC to install the San Vicente Service Area Extension Waterline project. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC and the Department of Public Works. CUC requires the Project to be completed in **30 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package may be picked-up, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) on an electronic disk file; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **November 27, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) Original and Seven (7) Hard Copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Airport Road Restoration for San Vicente Service Area Extension Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on December 12, 2013**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on December 2, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Procurement & Supply Manager, via email – [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Yvonne Cabrera, Water/Wastewater Engineer – via email [yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org](mailto:yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org) and Ms. Marcela Tenorio, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – via email [marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

**CHARLES WARREN**  
Acting Executive Director



# Joeten & Daidai Foundation donates \$10K to victims of Haiyan



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Somia T. Quan, Joeten & Daidai Foundation program manager hands over the \$10,000 check to American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive Director John Hirsh. Bo T. Palacios, J.C. Tenorio Ent Business Development manager; and Darlene Macaranas, J.C. Tenorio Ent manager; are also pictured, along with staff from J.C. Tenorio Ent. and Joeten Motors Company, Inc. Some of the staff in the picture had lost relatives due to supertyphoon Haiyan (Yolanda).

## MDX gives \$500 to Red Cross

MDX Amateur Radio Club donated \$500 to the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter last Thursday at the latter's office along Airport Road.

The group's board member Leo Canedo said their donation would be for the international humanitarian organization's relief efforts in the central Philippines, which was hit hard by supertyphoon Yolanda (Haiyan) last Nov. 8.

ARC-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh thanked the organization for their donation and said the money will surely help relief efforts in the country. "It's a generous donation. We're very grateful to pass this on to all the families and victims affected by supertyphoon Haiyan."

Hirsh said the donation will go directly to the American Red Cross' International Services, which is working very closely

with the Philippine Red Cross and other major aid agencies "that are there on the ground."

Canedo, for his part, said MDX Amateur Radio Club chose the American Red Cross to give the donation to because it's one of the—if not—the premier humanitarian organization in the world dealing with disaster relief.

"The group has always said that if there's a disaster that we will always donate to the ARC-NMI Chapter. It's a very trustworthy group and we can depend on them."

He said the group held a meeting last week where some 20 MDX Amateur Radio Club and other HAM radio operators attended. During the meeting, a collection drive was also started and that's how they were able to come up with the \$500 donation.

Aside from Canedo, MDX Amateur Radio Club president

Bong Malasarte and his wife, Malou, and another member attended the check presentation last week.

Asked why the American Red Cross seems to be the preferred organization to donate money to in times of disaster, Hirsh said its track record speaks for itself.

"The American Red Cross has a very high standard of accountability for making sure that these funds will be used and given to the people who need it the most. The advantage of giving to the Red Cross is we're kind of a trusted humanitarian organization in doing this kind of relief work for over 100 years. There are a lot of other great organizations but you really have to be very careful not to give to an organization that you're not really familiar with because you just don't know where that money is going to end up." (Mark Rabago)



MARK RABAGO

MDX Amateur Radio Club president Bong Malasarte hands over an enlarged version of the group's \$500 check donation to American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh at the ARC-NMI Chapter office along Airport Road last week. Malasarte and Hirsh are joined in the photo by Malasarte's wife, Malou, and two other MDX Amateur Club members.

The Joeten & Daidai Foundation has generously donated \$10,000 to the American Red Cross to be specifically used in the international relief efforts for supertyphoon Haiyan (Yolanda) victims in the Philippines.

"This is a major disaster and one that we feel hits close to home, as many of our employees have family in the major regions affected and so we think this is the best way we can help those in need," said Frances Demapan, president of the Joeten & Daidai Foundation.

The Joeten & Daidai Foundation will donate the funds directly to the American Red

Cross International Services, which deploys disaster experts, mobilizes relief supplies, and reconnects families that have been separated by disaster.

ARC-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh said that the resources are going to go a long way in terms of immediate relief but more importantly, for the longer term recovery with building homes, cisterns, and water and sewer systems.

"Our hearts go out to those who are struggling to deal with this horrific event that has caused so much destruction that we appreciate the generous

support of the Joeten & Daidai Foundation," Hirsh said.

The Joeten & Daidai Foundation, formerly known as the Joeten Charitable Foundation, was established in 1994 to promote the advancement of education, religion, health, wellness and other efforts related to the social welfare of the community. This will be the first donation made under the new name. For more information on how you can join in helping the relief efforts for the victims of supertyphoon Haiyan (Yolanda), please contact the ARC-CNMI chapter office at 234-3459. (PR)

## Cing hired as MIMC coordinator

The Office of the Governor announced during a CNMI Military Integration Management Committee (MIMC) meeting today the hiring of Gregory C. Cing as MIMC coordinator effective Nov. 18, 2013.

MIMC is an advisory committee and serves as the principal line of communication with the U.S. military in regards to ongoing military projects in the CNMI.

MIMC's goal is to support and promote community educational outreach projects and recommend appropriate policies in order to facilitate and maximize sound and desirable land-use planning, economic stability and manage the impacts that may result from the military activities in the CNMI.

As coordinator for the MIMC, Cing's primary duties include coordinating meetings, public outreach projects, and issuing press releases. Cing will also maintain the lines of communication between various CNMI government officials and the U.S. Military leadership of the Joint Region Marianas.

Before this position, Mr. Cing served as a Fire Control NCO for the U.S. Army.

"I'd like to thank Governor Inos and Lt. Governor Hof-

schneider for giving me the opportunity to serve the CNMI as its MIMC Coordinator," said Cing on his recent hiring.

"We thank Mr. Cing for his prior service in the U.S. Army and look forward to working with him as we work on our military efforts," stated Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider further stated, "There are an awful lot of on-going and planned future military activities in the CNMI and Greg is already very busy."

Funding for the MIMC is provided by a grant awarded to the CNMI by the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA). (PR)

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
A special birthday greeting go out to Christopher. Happy 21st birthday son! May God bless you with everything you desire most in life. We are proud of you and the man that you have grown to be and continue to become! We love you endlessly! Greetings coming out from Mom, Dad, and your brothers and sister."



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Happy 6th birthday Shanna. Greetings coming from Ate Sheryl, Sharmaine, Kuya JRalph, JRae, and Sean.



## TO MEET ARMY STANDARDS

## Guam Guardsmen undergo extensive physical fitness routine

By SGT EDDIE SIGUENZA  
GUAM ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

**KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan**—First Sgt. John Carbullido is sitting at his desk, thumbing through Army Regulation 600-9. Almost 300 miles away in Kabul, Command Sgt. Maj. Mel Hennegan is doing the same thing.

Together, they are devising a plan to help soldiers in their Guam Army National Guard battalion. The regulation—The Army Body Composition Program—provides guidance on how they're going to get almost two-dozen soldiers to meet Army fitness standards in approximately 30 days.

"This is definitely an avenue of approach to help Soldiers meet the battalion commander's intent," said Carbullido, who's Foxtrot Company, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment houses the participants from six Guam units stationed variously in Afghanistan. "The intent is to get 100 percent (physical fitness) pass rate throughout the battalion. There are a few struggling to meet the basic standards, so they are here to do that."

This method is a first for the Guam battalion, says Hennegan. The unit has never had 100 percent of its soldiers successfully pass the Army physical fitness test, but it is close. This last group bridges the gap. The goal is to have the battalion attain a 100 percent success rate before it



Guam Army National Guardsmen commence a two-mile run with Command Sgt. Maj. Mel Hennegan, fifth from right, Nov. 16 at Kandahar Airfield, Kandahar province, Afghanistan. Hennegan implemented the fitness plan to get soldiers to meet Army physical fitness standards. He ran to encourage participants.

leaves Afghanistan next month.

The program started mid-November, and it is held here at Kandahar because it has adequate training facilities and warmer weather. It is now cold in Afghanistan with temperatures ranging from a high of 56 to a low of 40 degrees Fahrenheit. But southern city of Kandahar isn't as cold as other cities, which benefits the tropical Guam Soldiers.

Carbullido and Hennegan assigned three "Ranger-qualified" Guam Guardsmen to lead the program—Staff Sgt. Raymond R. Merfalen II, Spc. Jared A. Mellon, and Spc. Eric G. Gatmen. The three eat, sleep, and train with the group that exercises

twice a day. The main priority for the participants is to focus on the program and complete it successfully. They are also restricted from Kandahar's amenities, such as the "Boardwalk," which is a strip of shops including restaurants. Every Friday they'll undergo a fitness test and, according to Army regulations, they must show signs of improvement.

"It's designed for us to improve and we're taking it positively," said Sgt. Dane I. Taitano. "It's not punishment. We're here to get better. It's tough as hell, but we're motivated to do it."

Carbullido's cadres enforce three weight loss components: Nutrition therapy, increased physical activity and behavioral

modification. The cadres monitor each Soldier's meals, making sure they're eating nutritiously and in moderation.

The instructors also alternate training methods. Morning exercises include running and circuit training, and afternoons consists of more running and other cardiovascular training at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation gym.

"Oh, they're sore, but that's the body's way of saying Thank You for taking care of me," Carbullido added.

Morning intensity is lighter the day of an Army physical fitness test.

"We're concentrating on cardiovascular endurance and cardiovascular strength," Merfalen said.

"The toughest part of this is getting them to change their behaviors, to get them to put physical training into a daily part of their lives," according to Hennegan. "That should be the easiest thing of all. Physical fitness should be the highest priority in everyone's life because everything revolves around you being fit. Everything about your life is affected by how fit you are."

The participants are briefed on the ramifications of an unfit Soldier. Those not meeting Army fitness standards can be "flagged" (suspension of favorable personnel action). A flagged Soldier is not eligible for promotion, may be prevented from attending military schools and

institutional training courses, lose educational benefits, and ultimately could be discharged from military service. Guam Guardsmen currently flagged likely won't receive deployment awards despite their hard work, says Lt. Col. Michael Tougher, Task Force Guam commander.

"Sergeant Major Hennegan and I are serious about our Soldiers meeting Army standards," Tougher expressed. "This is an attempt to motivate and train Soldiers to meet the Army's established fitness standards. Meeting the Army standards will benefit our Soldiers and their families for the Soldier's entire career and beyond."

All participants must pass a record test consisting of push-ups, situps, and a two-mile run. They must also meet height and weight standards and not exceed the Army's body fat regulation. As outlined in AR 600-9, the Soldiers must show "satisfactory progress" which consists of a 3- to 8-pound weight loss (or one percent body fat reduction) per month.

"Studies have shown that physically and mentally fit Soldiers go longer (in their careers) and are more successful than an unfit Soldier," Carbullido explained. "This is an individual responsibility. Every Soldier is responsible for taking care of himself physically. Every Soldier is responsible for his own health. They already had a year to take care of themselves. This is their last stop."

## Lottery Commission organized, readying requests for proposals

The initial meeting of the re-established Lottery Commission was held last Nov. 10 at the Office of the Governor's Conference Room.

Members of the commission are Department of Public Safety Commissioner James DeLeon Guerrero, Secretary of Finance Larrisa Larson, Attorney General Joey P. San Nicolas, and

Secretary of Commerce Sixto Igisomar.

These key members of the Executive Branch were selected in order to ensure proper oversight of gaming activities and law enforcement review of gaming activities. During the initial meeting, Igisomar was elected as chairman and a presentation was made on the ini-

tial draft of the proposed gaming regulations, structure of the new gaming operations, and schedule for implementation.

The proposed gaming structure follows what is used in many states in the United States mainland where the government plays an active role in the gaming structure. Under this system, the government places

strict controls on the location of gaming, the odds, and types of games.

Unlike the current poker industry, this form of gaming is restricted to large hotels and golf courses and specifically directed towards participation by tourists. Additionally, all proposed gaming areas will require an integration with hotel food

and beverage services and specifically designed gaming areas to present an enhanced entertainment activity. An additional critical element of this new gaming structure is the significant government oversight as all gaming activity will be monitored by a centralized computer system with the requirements of favorable odds that provide a re-

turn on wagers of 85 percent to 90 percent.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos has instructed the commission that he wishes to move forward in an expeditious manner in the implementation of this program. In consideration of the governor's directive, the commission seeks to have the initial requests for proposals out during the month of November or early December. (PR)

## Less-than-lethal self-defense training available in Guam

Residents of Guam can now fight crime safely, confidently, and directly with affordable training offered by Brimstone Guam.

With the growing number of disturbing crimes, like parking lot assaults, home invasions, rapes, robberies, murders, and more, ladies and men can now be empowered to handle serious situations. They can protect themselves with the help of easily learned and effective self-defense techniques, including the responsible use of OC spray, better known as pepper spray.

Although police service and legislation exist to protect our residents, there are many times that people feel powerless in immediate times of need. Brimstone Guam has the solution to protect you and your family.

Brimstone Guam's trainers are certified to train you in

the use of OC (pepper) sprays manufactured by Sabre Red. Sabre Red is the premiere manufacturer and supplier of pepper spray in the world, and most importantly is used by a significant majority of the most recognized law enforcement agencies nationally and internationally. This includes hundreds of stateside Police Departments and State Correction Departments (ex: Phoenix, Houston, Detroit, San Francisco, New York, etc.), as well as the U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Federal Bureau of Prisons, hundreds of other state agencies and international police forces (ex: Norway, Geneva, El Salvador, Calgary, etc). Now, Sabre Red training and certification are available on island through Brimstone Guam.

Robert "Bob" Michael, a resident of Guam and recognized

professional safety trainer, says, "People are concerned for their safety and the safety of their loved ones. But they don't necessarily want to use a firearm, or are unsure about pepper spray that they've never used before. This is all scary and risky business, especially when untrained and unprepared. Sabre Red products accompanied by proper training and certification are designed to help people effectively protect themselves at a distance, and with confidence. It is effective and proven over years of use, and now available on Guam."

Brimstone Guam is pleased to be the first to offer this type of professional training on Guam, and at a very affordable rate. Training and certification can be conducted for businesses, groups, private citizens. and

government agencies. This includes college students, nurses, joggers, bankers, real estate agents, police officers and others. Any person concerned about their safety can learn how to properly and effectively protect themselves, and also understand serious legal issues that can arise during altercations.

Brimstone Guam aims to empower citizens. "We want to provide people the comfort and peace of mind knowing that they have highly effective self-defense tools and the proper techniques and knowledge of how to protect themselves," says Michael.

Brimstone Guam can be reached at 797-3030, by email at brimstoneguam@gmail.com or on Facebook page under Brimstone Guam. Michael encourages individuals to "Be the victor...not the victim." (PR)

## HISTORY CHAMP

David Madden, the founder and executive director of the National History Bee and Bowl, was on Saipan last Nov. 14 and conducted the inaugural Northern Mariana Islands History Bee and Bowl as well as the Geography Olympiad. Josiah Trinidad, a sophomore at Grace Christian Academy, swept the competition in the JV Division (9th and 10th grade) by winning the History Bee, the History Bowl, and receiving the highest score on the Geography quiz. Trinidad is looking forward to the next competition and is very excited about the possibility of competing at the national level.

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# Business

## Travelers cast wary eye as storm moves eastward

**DALLAS (AP)**—A winter storm blamed for at least 10 fatal accidents in the West and Texas threatens to dampen the Thanksgiving holiday for millions of Americans traveling this week.

Nearly 300 American Airlines and American Eagle flights were canceled in and out of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport on Monday due to the weather, spokeswoman Laura Masvidal said, mirroring disruptions at the air hub a day earlier. Some of the country's busiest airports—New York, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Boston and Charlotte, N.C.—could see big delays.

Icy roads led to hundreds of accidents and at least 10 deaths, half of them in Texas. On Monday, the storm brought a mix of snow, sleet and freezing rain to parts of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, southern Kansas and Texas. But as the storm continues east, there are fears of heavy rain along the busy Interstate 95 corridor and sleet, freezing rain and snow away from the coast and at higher elevations.

Tom Kines, a meteorologist with AccuWeather, said it will be "primarily a rain event" for the East Coast, with up to three inches of rain dousing travelers.

"The further inland you get—



Troy Peoples, center, and Amenia Evernz, right, pass the time watching TV after their flight to Washington state was delayed by two hours due to winter weather at Dallas-Fort Worth International airport, Monday, Nov. 25, 2013.

especially as you get into that higher terrain—you are going to deal with frozen precipitation," Kines said. Snow could fall in western Pennsylvania and the interior of New England. Up to 9 inches could blanket northern parts of West Virginia, where the National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning from Tuesday morning through Wednesday afternoon.

Jeff Smidt is traveling Wednesday from his home in Toronto to visit his family in Andover, Mass., just outside Boston.

"My understanding is that

I'm traveling at like the worst time ever," he said.

Smidt tried to get on an earlier flight but JetBlue told him it isn't waiving any change fees yet.

"I'm just hoping I also don't become a statistic during the holiday weekend," he said. "Worst comes to worst, it will be an eight-hour trek down Interstate 90."

Ninety percent of travelers this week will drive, according to AAA, and an estimated 38.9 million people—1.6 percent fewer than last year—are expected to drive 50 miles or more from their home.

those countries.

"This is a very natural progression," said Brian Sozzi, CEO and chief equities strategist at Belus Capital Advisors. "Wal-Mart's engine of growth has been international."

McMillon and Duke were not immediately available for comment.

## Oil prices drop after Iran nuclear deal

The price of oil dropped to near \$94 a barrel Monday as a deal between Iran and six world powers on the country's nuclear program raised the possibility that sanctions choking Iranian oil exports will be lifted.

Benchmark U.S. crude for January delivery fell 75 cents to close at \$94.09 in New York. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oil used by many U.S. refineries, slipped half a cent to \$111 a barrel in London.

The preliminary agreement reached in Geneva Sunday between Iran and the U.S., Britain, France, Russia, China and Germany over Iran's nuclear program does not allow Iran to increase oil exports. But by relaxing some financial restrictions the agreement does make it easier for Iran to sell the oil it is permitted to.

It also removes, for now, the threat of further restrictions on Iranian exports and sets up the

possibility that a more comprehensive deal will be struck in the coming months.

The diminished threat to global supplies is likely to make crude cheaper in the short term. And if more Iranian oil returns to international markets, the additional supply is likely to make crude less expensive over the longer term.

"With new domestic output capacity coming on line, plus the potential reemergence of Iranian barrels coming onto the global market, the table is set for lower prices over the longer term," energy analyst Stephen Schork said in a market commentary.

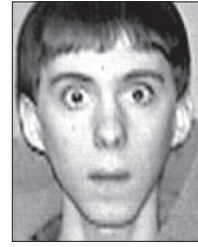
For now, analysts expect Iran's oil exports to remain at around 1 million barrels a day, with most of the flow soaked up by Asian countries like China, India and Korea. That is still far below the 2.5 million barrels a day Iran was exporting in 2011, before sanctions began.

# Nation

## Conn. gunman's motive still a mystery

**HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)**—In fifth grade, Adam Lanza wrote a book that included tales of children being slaughtered and a son shooting his mother in the head.

In the years that followed, he was obsessed with mass murders, assembling articles, photos, books, footage and violent video



Lanza

games, including one in which players gun down students in school. He even kept a spreadsheet ranking mass murders.

Nearly a year after Lanza shot his mother to death and then massacred 26 people at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, prosecutors closed the case Monday with a report that sketched a chilling portrait of a young man with a twisted fascination with violence.

But they were unable to answer the question that everyone has been asking since the tragedy: Why?

"The obvious question that

remains is: 'Why did the shooter murder 27 people, including 20 children?' Unfortunately, that question may never be answered conclusively," the report said.

Lanza "was under no extreme emotional disturbance for which there was a reasonable explanation or excuse."

The summary released by the lead investigator, State's Attorney Stephen Sedensky III, describes a 20-year-old gunman who had "significant mental health issues" but had sure knowledge of what he was planning: Besides having the spreadsheet, he smashed his computer hard drive and he used earplugs during the shooting.

Lanza killed 20 first-graders and six educators with a semi-automatic rifle at the school on Dec. 14. He also shot his mother in the forehead inside their home. He committed suicide with a handgun as police arrived at the school.

Sedensky said there was no clear indication why Lanza chose Sandy Hook Elementary other than that it was close to his home. He attended Sandy Hook from first through fifth grade, but he was never assigned to the classrooms where the shootings took place.

The spiral-bound manuscript that Lanza wrote in the fifth grade at Sandy Hook, "The Big Book of Granny," was among items seized from Lanza's home. There is no indication he ever handed the book in at school.

The main character has a gun in her cane and shoots people, and another character likes hurting people, especially children.

Lanza also became obsessed with the 1999 Columbine High bloodbath and other such mass killings, the report said.

The guns he used in the attack had been purchased legally by his mother, who often took her son shooting and, according to the report, had written out a check to buy him a pistol for Christmas.

## Ohio prep football rape grand jury charges 4 more

**STEUBENVILLE, Ohio (AP)**—An Ohio school superintendent and three others were charged Monday with lying or failing to report possible child abuse after an investigation prompted by the rape of a nearly passed-out 16-year-old girl by two high school football players.

The investigation included crimes committed in connection with the case against two members of the celebrated Steubenville High School football team as well as a separate alleged rape that happened in April 2012, four months before the assault that drew nationwide attention over allegations that prosecutors should have charged more players.

Hacker activists helped propel coverage of the rape case and press allegations of a cov-

er-up, including reposting of a 12-minute Internet video made within hours of the attacks in which a former Steubenville student joked about the victim.

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine convened the grand jury to look into the behavior of school administrators and other adults in the community after the two players were convicted last March. Under the law, educators are required to report allegations of child abuse.

Two people had already been charged before Steubenville Superintendent Mike McVey, strength coach Seth Fluharty, volunteer football coach Matthew Belardine and elementary school principal Lynnett Gorman were charged Monday.

McVey's charges include felony counts of obstructing

justice and tampering with evidence and a misdemeanor charge alleging he made a false statement in April 2012. McVey wasn't immediately available for comment, and messages were left for his attorney.

Belardine, whose house authorities said was the scene of the underage drinking party that preceded the rape last summer, faces several misdemeanor charges, including making a false statement and contributing to underage alcohol consumption. Belardine will plead not guilty, said Columbus attorney Brian Duncan.

Fluharty was charged with failing to report possible child abuse in August 2012. Columbus attorney Tom Tyack said he had been contacted to represent Fluharty but could not comment.



### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Police: Yale safe after possible gunman hoax call

**NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)**—Yale University was locked down for nearly six hours Monday as authorities investigated a phone call saying an armed man was heading to shoot up the school, a warning they later said was likely a hoax. SWAT teams searching the Ivy League campus did not find a gunman after a room-by-room search and the lockdown was lifted Monday afternoon. No one was injured, police said. "New Haven is safe. The Yale campus is safe," said New Haven Police Chief Dean Esserman. A 911

call was received at 9:48 a.m. from a man at a pay phone about a mile from the campus who said his roommate was on the way to the university to shoot people, said Officer David Hartman, a New Haven Police spokesman.

#### Unlucky sibling of pardoned turkeys meets governor

**ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)**—With two other turkeys ticketed for a presidential pardon at the White House, their brother met Minnesota's governor Monday at a state Capitol ceremony featuring much of the same upbeat pageantry ahead of a far gloomier fate for the bird.

Jokingly dubbed "Delicious" by a farmer traveling with the 20-pound gobbler, the unfortunate turkey enjoyed only a brief stay of execution—not a reprieve—during a ceremony laced with gallows humor at Gov. Mark Dayton's Capitol office. The next stop for the pink and white bird: a trip to the St. Paul Salvation Army and, eventually, dinner for the less-fortunate. Conversely, his two brothers are headed to the White House Wednesday where they'll be officially spared. "I don't know how long you'd last in my backyard with two German shepherds," Dayton whispered as he stroked the bird's feathered back.

## Wal-Mart CEO steps down; McMillon is successor

**BENTONVILLE, Ark. (AP)**—Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is ushering in a changing of the guard as the world's largest retailer confronts slower growth and challenges to its reputation.

Doug McMillon, head of Wal-Mart's international division, will succeed CEO and President Mike Duke, 63, when he steps down on Feb. 1 after five years in those roles. McMillon, a 23-year company veteran, will become the fifth CEO since Wal-Mart's founder Sam Walton.

The change at the top is indicative of a recent shift in strategy at the company best known for its cutthroat pricing and big box stores. McMillon, 47, is expected to infuse a youthful spirit into Wal-Mart's culture at a time when the company is trying to reinvent itself to attract a generation of shoppers who gravitate toward tablets and mobile devices.

The move also is a testament to the company's continued focus on its international division. McMillon, who started at the company in 1984 as a summer intern, left and came back in 1990 to work at Wal-Mart store before holding several jobs, including a three-year stint as president and CEO of the Sam's Club division.

But in February 2009, he succeeded Duke to head the



# Asia

## Filipinos escape typhoon wasteland, but not worry

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Romnick Abadines' heart pounded as a Philippine air force C-130 carried him above typhoon-wrecked Tacloban city. He had never been on a plane before, never watched silvery-white clouds pass from a small round window. It was not the first time, or the last, that he felt helpless and out of his element.

The frail, 31-year-old farmer lost his shanty to Typhoon Haiyan, which flattened much of Tacloban in Leyte province as it killed more than 5,200 people. Now he lays idle in a tent shelter in suburban Manila, where he has no known relatives and little chance of finding more than menial and temporary work.

More than 12,000 people displaced by the massive Nov. 8 have made it to the capital. Most are with relatives; those with no family here are in shelters. Many have no idea how or where to rebuild their lives.

"What will happen to us when this kindness ends?" asked Maribel Villajos, a 37-year-old mother of three children who sat listlessly with her husband on cots surrounded by bags of newly donated clothes, potato chips and instant coffee sachets at the same shelter where Abadines and his family were taken.



In the Friday, Nov. 22, 2013 photo, Romnick Abadines, left, talks with his partner at a temporary shelter in Pasay, south of Manila, Philippines.

Villajos' husband is a carpenter, but his tools were swept away along with their house in the tsunami-like storm surge that swept far into Tacloban and ruined much of the densely-populated coastal city.

Thousands of people from areas wrecked by Haiyan clambered aboard free C-130 mercy flights to Manila without any plan, in a desperate bid to escape the hunger, uncertainties and lingering stench of death back home. Others arrived here by bus, or fled to central Cebu province, which like the capital is regarded by rural poor Filipinos as a greener

pasture in this impoverished Southeast Asian nation of more than 96 million people.

They keep coming. In Tacloban, hundreds of survivors lined up Monday outside the city's damaged airport, waiting for a flight out. Survivors will be ferried out "for as long as possible," said Eduardo del Rosario, who heads the government's disaster-response agency.

Many typhoon survivors traveled to Manila to stay with relatives, but a few dozen families have no connections to the city and now live in one of about 10 emergency shelters run by the government and private groups.

## Kennedy in Japan tsunami zone, highlights US ties

**MINAMISANRIKU, Japan (AP)**—Just 10 days after arriving in Japan as the new U.S. ambassador, Caroline Kennedy is making a two-day visit to areas devastated by the 2011 tsunami to meet survivors and highlight America's commitment to supporting its ally.

The appointment of the daughter of President John F. Kennedy has been popular among Japanese, and it was no different at a temporary housing site in Minamisanriku, a city mostly destroyed by the tsunami.

Kennedy sat down for tea with women still living in tiny temporary housing units nearly three years after the disaster. Of 197 homes in their district,

only nine were left standing. A project started by volunteers makes crocheted and knitted dish scrubbers shaped like sea creatures for sale, and Kennedy asked to buy some to give as Christmas gifts.

"Working on these things, we have to concentrate, or we drop stitches. That helps us to forget what we've lost," said Akiko Sugawara, 64, one of about a half dozen residents who spent much of an hour chatting with Kennedy.

"Until I came here it was hard to really comprehend the extent of your losses. I admire your courage and resilience," Kennedy said.

Earlier Monday, Kennedy visited a park in the port city of Ishinomaki to see a wide vista of

the tsunami-ravaged waterfront before heading to an elementary school, where students performed skits in English and sang "Happy Birthday" to Kennedy, who turns 56 on Wednesday.

Kennedy has so far stuck to carefully scripted events, mostly avoiding interviews as she adapts to a more public role after living a largely private life. Thousands of people turned out last week to see her ride in a horse-drawn carriage to present her diplomatic credentials to Emperor Akihito. The Japanese media have praised her low-key style, which many see as appropriate for a working mother who has had little to do with politics, let alone diplomacy, throughout her career.

## Thai protesters call for nationwide uprising

**BANGKOK (AP)**—Anti-government protesters in Thailand vowed Tuesday to take control of state offices nationwide in their bid to oust Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, escalating the biggest challenge she has faced since taking office.

Opposition-led protesters camped out overnight at the Finance and Foreign Ministries after storming their gates during a chaotic day of street rallies Monday. Both were closed Tuesday, along with the Agriculture Ministry, which told employees not to come to work to avoid nearby street protests in Bangkok.

Protesters say they want Yingluck, who took office in 2011, to step down amid claims her government is controlled by her brother, former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who was ousted in a military coup in 2006 for alleged corruption.

On Sunday, more than 100,000 demonstrators took to Bangkok's streets, uniting against what they call the "Thaksin regime."

The occupation of the ministry offices has raised fears of violence and worries that Thailand is entering a new chapter of political instability. They also recall previous protests against

Thaksin and his allies in 2008, when protesters occupied and shut down the prime minister's office for three months.

On Tuesday, the main protest group appeared to have converted the Finance Ministry into its headquarters, and even declared Tuesday a "rest day."

"Tomorrow there will be a nationwide movement," Akanat Promphan, a protest spokesman told reporters inside the emptied Finance Ministry. He said the aim is to paralyze government operations by seizing offices and state agencies so they cannot be "used as a mechanism for the Thaksin regime."

# World

## Obama pushes back against critics of Iran deal

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Pushing back hard, President Barack Obama forcefully defended the temporary agreement to freeze Iran's disputed nuclear program on Monday, declaring that the United States "cannot close the door on diplomacy."

The president's remarks followed skepticism of the historic accord expressed by some U.S. allies abroad as well as by members of Congress at home, including fellow Democrats. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, one of the fiercest opponents of the six-month deal, called it a "historic mistake" and announced he would be dispatching a top envoy to Washington to try to toughen the final agreement negotiators will soon begin hammering out.

Obama, without naming names, swiped at those who have questioned the wisdom of engaging with Iran.

"Tough talk and bluster may

be the easy thing to do politically, but it's not the right thing to do for our security," he said during an event in San Francisco.

The weekend agreement between Iran and six world powers—the U.S., Britain, France, Russia, China and Germany—is to temporarily halt parts of Tehran's disputed nuclear program and allow for more intrusive international monitoring. In exchange, Iran gains some modest relief from stiff economic sanctions and a pledge from Obama that no new penalties will be levied during the six months.

Despite the fanfare surrounding the agreement, administration officials say key technical details on the inspections and sanctions relief must still be worked out before it formally takes effect. Those talks will tackle the toughest issues that have long divided Iran and the West, including whether Tehran will

be allowed to enrich uranium at a low level.

Iran insists it has a right to enrich uranium for peaceful purposes, and many nuclear analysts say a final deal will almost certainly leave Iran with some right to enrich. However, that's sure to spark more discord with Israel and many lawmakers who insist Tehran be stripped of all enrichment capabilities. British Foreign Secretary William Hague said he expects the deal to be fully implemented by the end of January.

European Union officials say their sanctions could be eased as soon as December. Those restrictions affect numerous areas including trade in petrochemicals, gold and other precious metals, financial transfers to purchase food and medicine, and the ability of third countries to use EU-based firms to insure shipments of Iranian oil again.

## Syria talks aim to build on momentum of Iran deal

**BEIRUT (AP)**—Within 24 hours of an interim deal aimed at reining in Iran's nuclear program, world powers raised hopes Monday for the first face-to-face talks to end the Syrian civil war as the United Nations called the warring parties to the table.

But huge gaps remain. The opposition remains vague on whether it will even attend the Geneva conference called for Jan. 22, and both sides hold fundamentally different visions on the very basics, particularly the future role of President Bashar Assad.

Nevertheless, Monday's announcement of a date for the talks after months of delay produced palpable hope that the precedent of successful nuclear negotiations with Iran might open new diplomatic channels that could help broker an end

to the nearly 3-year-old civil war in Syria that has killed more than 100,000 people.

The nuclear deal between Tehran and world powers was announced in Geneva on Sunday. Success in negotiations on a final accord could pave the way for normalization of ties between Iran and the West, reshaping the Middle East political map.

As Assad's staunchest ally, Iran has given him significant financial support and is believed to have sent military advisers, trained pro-government militiamen and directed one of its proxies, Lebanon's Shiite Muslim Hezbollah, to fight alongside Assad's troops.

U.N. spokesman Martin Nesirky played down the possibility that the negotiations with Iran played a direct role in the movement on Syria, which

followed a meeting in Geneva of senior diplomats from the U.S., Russia and the U.N.

The two tracks "are very separate, both tracks have been going on in different formats, in different locations," he told reporters. "So I would simply say that it was a good weekend for diplomacy."

Still, a senior member in the main, Western-backed Syrian opposition coalition expressed hope the nuclear deal would transform Iran into a "positive regional player," relinquishing its support for Assad.

"We hope the Iranian nuclear deal will provide impetus for a Syria deal," Abdelbaset Sieda of the Syrian National Coalition told The Associated Press. "The Iranian government must cut relations with the regime and leave the choice to the Syrian people."

## A battered Israel resumes campaign against Iran

**JERUSALEM (AP)**—Having lost its battle to stop the international deal reached this week on Iran's nuclear program, Israeli officials are already picking up the pieces and planning a fight to shape a final agreement that negotiators hope to reach in six months.

Israeli officials say the final deal must go beyond freezing Iran's program and roll back the achievements they say has made the Islamic Republic a threshold weapons state. From Israel's perspective, the world powers must show they have not been duped by Iran's campaign of amiability and still have the stomach to

press on with crippling sanctions if needed.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who believes Iran is determined to produce a nuclear bomb, harshly condemned Sunday's agreement between Iran and six world powers as a "historic mistake" and said Israel was not bound by the deal.

In exchange for some relief from economic sanctions, Iran agreed to curb most of its nuclear activities while negotiations on a final agreement proceed during the next six months. But most of its nuclear infrastructure, including its ability to enrich uranium, a key step in mak-

ing bombs, remains intact.

On Monday, Netanyahu said he would not give up. Speaking to members of his Likud Party, the Israeli leader said he would dispatch his national security adviser, Yossi Cohen, to Washington in the coming days to coordinate the next move with the Americans.

"This permanent agreement has to lead to one result: dismantling the Iranian nuclear military capability," he said, claiming that just this week Iran repeated its vow to destroy Israel. "And I repeat here my commitment to prevent them from getting the ability to do this."



# Focus

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—In the early years after 9/11, the CIA turned some Guantanamo Bay prisoners into double agents then sent them home to help the U.S. kill terrorists, current and former U.S. officials said.

The CIA promised the prisoners freedom, safety for their families and millions of dollars from the agency's secret accounts.

It was a risky gamble. Officials knew there was a chance that some prisoners might quickly spurn their deal and kill Americans.

For the CIA, that was an acceptable risk in a dangerous business. For the American public, which was never told, the program was one of the many secret trade-offs the government made on its behalf. At the same time the government used the risk of terrorism to justify imprisoning people indefinitely, it was releasing dangerous people from prison to work for the CIA.

The program was carried out in a secret facility built a few hundred yards from the administrative offices of the prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The eight small cottages were hidden behind a ridge covered in thick scrub and cactus.

The program and the handful of men who passed through these cottages had various official CIA code names.

But those who were aware of the cluster of cottages knew it best by its sobriquet: Penny Lane.

It was a nod to the classic Beatles song and a riff on the CIA's other secret facility at Guantanamo Bay, a prison known as Strawberry Fields.

Nearly a dozen current and former U.S. officials described aspects of the program to The Associated Press. All spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the secret program publicly by name, even though it ended in about 2006.

Some of the men who passed through Penny Lane helped the CIA find and kill many top al-Qaida operatives, current and former U.S. officials said. Others stopped providing useful information and the CIA lost touch with them.

When prisoners began streaming into Guantanamo Bay in January 2002, the CIA recognized it as an unprecedented opportunity to identify sources. That year, 632 detainees arrived at the detention center. The following year 117 more arrived.

"Of course that would be an objective," said Emile Nakhleh, a former top CIA analyst who spent time in 2002 assessing detainees but who did not discuss Penny Lane. "It's the job of intelligence to recruit sources."

By early 2003, Penny Lane was open for business.

Candidates were ushered from the confines of prison to Penny Lane's relative hominess, officials said. The cottages had private kitchens, showers and televisions. Each had a small patio.

Some prisoners asked for and received pornography. One official said the biggest luxury in each cottage was the bed—not a military-issued cot but a



This satellite image provided by TerraServer.com and DigitalGlobe shows an image captured on Sept. 2, 2010, shows a portion of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, including the secret facility known as Penny Lane, upper middle in white. In the early years after 9/11, the CIA turned a handful of prisoners at the secret facility into double agents and released them. Current and former U.S. officials tell The Associated Press that the program helped kill terrorists. The program was carried out in the secret facility, built a few hundred yards from the administrative offices of the prison in Guantanamo Bay, bottom of image. The eight small cottages were hidden behind a ridge covered in thick scrub and cactus.

AP

## PENNY LANE: Gitmo's other secret CIA facility

By ADAM GOLDMAN and MATT APUZZO  
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real bed with a mattress.

The cottages were designed to feel more like hotel rooms than prison cells, and some CIA officials jokingly referred to them collectively as the Marriott.

Current and former officials said dozens of prisoners were evaluated but only a handful, from a variety of countries, were turned into spies who signed agreements to work for the CIA.

CIA spokesman Dean Boyd declined to comment.

The U.S. government says it has confirmed that about 16 percent of former Guantanamo Bay detainees rejoined the fight against America. Officials suspect but have not confirmed that 12 percent more rejoined.

It's not clear whether the men from Penny Lane are included in those figures. But because only a small number of people went through the program, it would not likely change the figures sig-

nificantly either way. None of the officials interviewed by the AP knew of an instance in which any double agent killed Americans.

Though the number of double agents recruited through Penny Lane was small, the program was significant enough to draw keen attention from President George W. Bush, one former official said. Bush personally interviewed a junior CIA case officer who had just returned home from Afghanistan, where the agency typically met with the agents.

President Barack Obama took an interest in the program for a different reason. Shortly after taking office in 2009, he ordered a review of the former detainees working as double agents because they were providing information used in Predator drone strikes, one of the officials said.

Infiltrating al-Qaida has been one of the CIA's most sought-after but diffi-

cult goals, something that other foreign intelligence services have only occasionally accomplished. Candidates for Penny Lane needed legitimate terrorist connections. To be valuable to the CIA, the men had to be able to reconnect with al-Qaida.

From the Bush administration descriptions of Guantanamo Bay prisoners at the time, the CIA would have seemingly had a large pool to draw from. Vice President Dick Cheney called the prisoners "the worst of a very bad lot." Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said they were "among the most dangerous, best trained, vicious killers on the face of the Earth."

In reality, many were held on flimsy evidence and were of little use to the CIA.

While the agency looked for viable candidates, those with no terrorism ties sat in limbo. It would take years before the majority of detainees were set free,

having never been charged. Of the 779 people who were taken to Guantanamo Bay, more than three-fourths have been released, mostly during the Bush administration.

Many others remain at Guantanamo Bay, having been cleared for release by the military but with no hope for freedom in sight.

"I do see the irony on the surface of letting some really very bad guys go," said David Remes, an American lawyer who has represented about a dozen Yemeni detainees at Guantanamo.

But Remes, who was not aware of Penny Lane, said he understands its attraction.

"The men we were sending back as agents were thought to be able to provide value to us," he said.

Prisoners agreed to cooperate for a variety of reasons, officials said. Some received assurances that the U.S. would resettle their families. Another thought al-Qaida had perverted Islam and believed it was his duty as a Muslim to help the CIA destroy it. One detainee agreed to cooperate after the CIA insinuated it would harm his children, a former official said, similar to the threats interrogators had made to admitted 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

All were promised money. Exactly how much each was paid remains unclear. But altogether, the government paid millions of dollars for their services, officials said. The money came from a secret CIA account, codenamed Pledge, that's used to pay informants, officials said.

The arrangement led to strategic discussions inside the CIA: If the agency's drones had a shot at Osama bin Laden or his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri, would officials take the shot if it meant killing a double agent on the American payroll?

It never came to that.

The biggest fear, former officials involved with the program recalled, was that a former detainee would attack Americans then publicly announce that he had been on the CIA payroll.

Al-Qaida suspected the CIA would attempt a program like this and its operatives have been very suspicious of former Guantanamo Bay detainees, intelligence officials and experts said.

In one case, a former official recalled, al-Qaida came close to discovering one of the double agents in its midst.

The U.S. government had such high hopes for Penny Lane that one former intelligence official recalled discussions about whether to secretly release a pair of Pakistani men into the United States on student or business visas. The hope was that they would connect with al-Qaida and lead authorities to members of a U.S. cell.

Another former senior intelligence official said that never happened.

Officials said the program ended in 2006, as the flow of detainees to Guantanamo Bay slowed to a trickle. The last prisoner arrived there in 2008.

Penny Lane still stands and can be seen in satellite photos. A dirt road winds its way to a clearing. The special detachment of Marines that once provided security is gone. The complex is surrounded by two fences and hidden among the trees and shrubs of Guantanamo Bay.

It has long been abandoned.



# Campus Life

## 4 of 5 schools beef up policy after Penn State

As they watched Penn State struggle to contain a child sex-abuse scandal that ruined its once-pristine name and took down the mightiest of college coaches, schools around the country realized they needed to examine what they were doing so they wouldn't see their reputations destroyed, as well.

At Mississippi, administrators passed a rule stating nobody 18 or over could have one-on-one contact with a minor.

At Kansas, they rewrote the language in their bylaws stating, in no uncertain terms, that any employee who didn't comply with rules about reporting sex crimes could be fired.

To keep better tabs on who comes and goes from its campus, Stanford started running all its kids camps in-house instead of letting coaches run them independently.

And Southern California brought in none other than Louis Freeh, the former FBI director who wrote the report on the failings at Penn State, to brief top brass on what good policies and rules should look like.

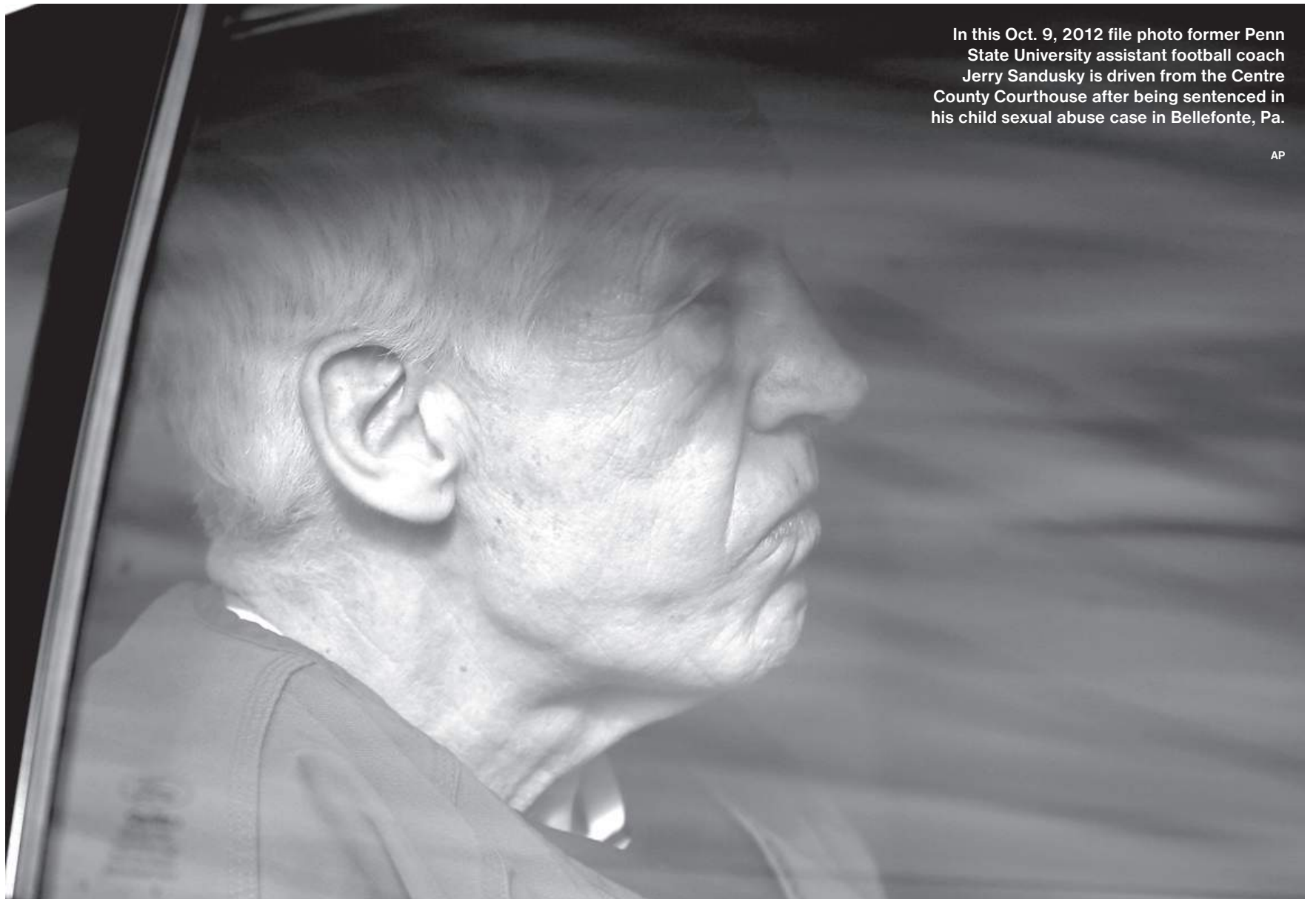
In all, 55 of 69 BCS football schools—79.7 percent of those playing at the highest level in college—either reviewed or strengthened their policies regarding minors on campus in the wake of the case involving Jerry Sandusky, an Associated Press review found.

"The conversation started the minute the Penn State situation was made public," said Mississippi associate athletic director Lynnette Johnson, who called the 18-and-over policy the lynchpin of the changes at their campus in Oxford, Miss. "We've been looking at our policies for quite some time and we wanted to build something that's comprehensive, manageable and can actually be enforced."

While schools were rewriting their rules, no fewer than 32 state governments were also reviewing their statutes, with at least 18 of those adopting new laws, most of them adding university employees and volunteers to the list of those required to report child sex abuse.

In November 2011, Sandusky, the former Penn State assistant coach, was arrested on 40 child sexual abuse counts. Additional counts were included in December, and some were dropped at the start of his trial. In the end, he was convicted on 45 of those counts and is serving a prison term of 30 to 60 years. Within days of his arrest, coach Joe Paterno was fired and the school president, Graham Spanier, was forced out.

A July 2012 report authored by Freeh detailed the flaws at Penn State and offered recom-



In this Oct. 9, 2012 file photo former Penn State University assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky is driven from the Centre County Courthouse after being sentenced in his child sexual abuse case in Bellefonte, Pa.

AP

mendations for change at the university. Penn State established a "Progress" website detailing the multiple changes it is making in response to the scandal and the report.

But Penn State was hardly the only school that performed an unflinching review of its policies.

The AP canvassed the 69 schools in the BCS conferences in 2012, along with Notre Dame, and found that, in addition to the 55 that said they reviewed or changed their rules in response to the Sandusky case, another 12 had recently done that work in response to a push from the U.S. Department of Education, or because of incidents that occurred on their own campuses or laws passed in their states.

"We didn't want to be in a position where we could say it couldn't happen here," said Mark Land, spokesman at Indiana University, one of the universities that reviewed and beefed up its policies. "Penn State is a great university and does great things, and it happened there, so we felt like if we didn't learn something from Penn State, that was on us."

Two schools, Oklahoma and South Carolina, reported no action: South Carolina sent AP a copy of its sexual-harassment policy, last revised in 2010; Oklahoma said its policies are

under constant scrutiny, though events elsewhere don't trigger changes.

Not that rules can prevent everything. Before the scandal at Penn State, the university had a long list of rules on the books that were in line with what existed at other schools. Despite that, the Freeh Report noted that 234 of 735 coaches paid to work at summer sports camps in 2009 didn't have their required background checks completed before their camp began.

David Finkelhor of the University of New Hampshire's Crimes Against Children Research Center said anecdotes like that help explain why new policies and laws are important, but maybe not as important as the light shed on the issue of child sex abuse because of the Sandusky case.

"I don't think the problem at Penn State was that they didn't have enough rules, or that they didn't have a mandatory law that required this reporting," Finkelhor said. "I think the problem was that they didn't have a higher level of awareness about the problem itself and they thought they could kind of get away with the way they were handling it."

In searching the states, AP reporters across the country checked databases from the last two years of legislation. The AP also referred to the National

Conference of State Legislatures, which has tracked Sandusky-related bills.

In Florida, the Legislature passed what many are calling the most expansive reporting law in the country. It includes fines of up to \$1 million on any university whose administration or campus police knowingly fail to report child abuse on campus. Several campuses around the state reacted, as well.

"As an institution, we had very sound policies in place," Miami athletic director Blake James said. "I think it was obviously a real reminder to everyone of the need to make sure that all policies are being followed, and in certain cases there was the elevation of analysis that was put in place."

The overwhelming number of schools and states that made changes in a relatively short amount of time runs counter to the normally slow-moving wheels of state governments and university boardrooms. The action reflects what Mark Chaffin, who directs research at the Center on Child Abuse and Neglect at University of Oklahoma, said was a much-needed continuation of moves to protect children that have been triggered by sex scandals at child-serving organizations, including the Catholic church and the Boy Scouts.

"Given everything that's been

in the news, it's not too surprising that universities would start to put out some policies and do some education," Chaffin said.

When the universities did their reviews, some administrators were surprised at the number of minors who come to their campuses for a variety of programs that extend well beyond football camps.

At Minnesota, for instance, up to 300,000 minors visit campus—114,000 of them for 4H club events. A 10-year review of campus crime statistics there revealed four cases involving minors. One of those cases resulted in charges in 2000 when the victim came forward.

"We thought this was a pretty safe place," university general counsel Bill Donohue said.

Nevertheless, the school beefed up its policy and added language that specifically applied to the safety of minors on campus.

In Texas, state legislators passed guidelines in 2011—before the Sandusky case made headlines—for minors attending camps. The law applied to camps with at least 20 campers who spend four days on campus.

"That's a big loophole," Texas Tech athletic department spokesman Blayne Beal said. "We wanted more stringent than that."

So, in May, the school passed

a tougher rule putting the guidelines in place for any program that brings minors in, regardless of the number of children or duration of their stay.

"I think everybody took a look at themselves and what they were doing, what they weren't doing, to make sure that the policies they had in place were the best for young people and were best to protect the institution," Beal said.

In addition to bringing in Freeh, who has a child enrolled at the Los Angeles school, USC also hired an outside consultant who helped put in place an awareness campaign for people on facilities staff and janitors—the so-called "first eyes"—who might be the first to witness a crime involving children.

At Auburn, and a handful of other schools, the review found departments across campus had several rules on the books but had never consolidated them in one place.

"Unfortunately, at times, it takes a shocking event happening somewhere else to make you aware that you may have some deficiencies that need looking into yourself," said Chris O'Gwynn, who heads Auburn's risk management and safety department. "Penn State did cause us to want to look at that and do something from a generalized campus approach." (AP)



# Life & Style

## Katie Couric to anchor Yahoo's video news coverage

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Katie Couric is joining Yahoo to anchor an expansion of the Internet company's video news coverage in a move that she hopes will help persuade other broadcast TV veterans to make the transition into online programming.

Monday's announcement confirms recent published reports that Couric is hoping to attract more viewers on the Internet after spending the past 22 years working as a talk-show host and news anchor at NBC, CBS and ABC.

"I am particularly excited about hopefully attracting other people to this platform and venture," Couric said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We are in a major, transformative time in terms of media in this country."

Couric's hiring is the latest coup for Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer as she brings in well-known journalists in an effort to create compelling content that will attract more people to

the company's online services. In the past month, Yahoo has also lured away technology columnist David Pogue and political reporter Matt Bai from The New York Times.

Financial terms of Couric's contract with Yahoo weren't disclosed. She also declined to say how many more reporters will be added to her team at Yahoo.

Couric, 56, will continue to host her daytime talk show, "Katie," on ABC even after she becomes Yahoo's "global anchor" beginning early next year. She described her new role at Yahoo as a "work in progress."

"I will be involved in developing a lot of concepts, but not necessarily doing everything,"



This Oct. 23, 2013 file photo shows TV host Katie Couric at the Somali Mam Foundation Gala in New York.

Couric said. "I will be doing interviews, but not on a daily basis. Probably monthly at this point."

The Yahoo job appealed to Couric because it will give her an outlet to delve into breaking

developments around the world that she regularly covered as the anchor of CBS' evening news from 2006 through 2011.

Mayer, since leaving Google Inc. to become Yahoo's CEO 16 months ago, has been trying to make Yahoo's services more alluring so people will visit them on a regular basis and dwell for longer periods. In doing so, she is hoping Yahoo will be able to sell more digital ads and boost the Sunnyvale, Calif., company's revenue, which has been lagging the overall growth of Internet marketing for years.

"News is a definitive daily habit for our users, and Katie will work with our talented editorial team to pioneer a new chapter of digital journalism," Mayer said.

Yahoo already operates the most popular online news section in the U.S. with 81.5 million visitors in October, according to the most recent data from the research firm comScore Inc. The audience's size is roughly

the same as when Mayer became Yahoo's CEO. CNN ranks second in online news in the U.S., with 70 million visitors.

Couric first became a household name as a co-host of the "Today" show on NBC from 1991 until she left to join CBS in 2006.

It remains unclear whether Couric's current talk show on ABC will be renewed after its run ends in May. Her show is drawing an average 2.17 million viewers so far this season, slightly below an average of 2.26 million viewers attracted during its inaugural season in 2012, according to the ratings firm Nielsen.

The Walt Disney Co., which produces the show, and the owned and operated stations that air the program haven't decided whether to bring back the show for a third season, said Bill Carroll, an expert on the syndication market for Katz Media. Couric also said she is trying to figure out whether she still wants to do the talk show.

## Randy Phillips out as chief executive of AEG Live

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Randy Phillips, who was sued in connection with Michael Jackson's death, is out after a decade as chief executive officer of AEG Live under a restructuring by its parent AEG, the sports and entertainment giant announced Monday.

Anschutz Entertainment Group has ended its relationship with Phillips, a company statement said. It gave no reason for the move.

The statement didn't say Phillips was fired, and it made no mention that he had re-

signed or retired.

Last year, Phillips had signed a five-year contract to remain as president and CEO of the world's second-largest concert company.

An email seeking to reach Phillips through Marvin Putnam—the attorney who represented him in the Jackson lawsuit—wasn't immediately returned.

AEG said it was restructuring AEG Live. Jay Marciano was bumped from chief operating officer to chairman and will assume a more active role in the management of that division, AEG said.

comeback tour before his 2009 death, which was caused by an overdose of the surgical anesthetic propofol. Dr. Conrad Murray, Jackson's physician, was convicted of involuntary manslaughter for providing access to the drug.

Phillips initially was a defendant in the lawsuit filed by Jackson's family that contended AEG negligently hired Murray. Phillips was later dropped from the case, which AEG won. Phillips testified at Murray's trial.

The restructuring follows the March resignation of Tim



This Oct. 25, 2011 file photo shows Randy Phillips, Chief Executive of AEG Live and promoter of Michael Jackson's "This Is It" concert tour, testifying at the Conrad Murray involuntary manslaughter trial in Los Angeles.

He will oversee a Los Angeles-based executive team led by Paul Tollett, John Meglen, Shawn Trell and Rick Mueller, the company said.

Phillips became CEO in 2002. Under his leadership, AEG Live handled concert tours for the likes of Justin Bieber and Taylor Swift.

AEG had been working with Michael Jackson on a planned

Leiweke, AEG's president and CEO, after AEG announced it was canceling plans to sell the company.

AEG owns the Staples Center arena in downtown Los Angeles as well as the Los Angeles Kings hockey team, Los Angeles Galaxy and Houston Dynamo soccer teams, and other venues and teams.

## Game show 'Jeopardy!' gives Broadway a boost

NEW YORK (AP)—Answer: It's the TV show that's spreading the word about Broadway. Question: What is "Jeopardy!"

The hit syndicated game show hosted by Alex Trebek has always sprinkled in theater clues since its debut in 1984 but lately has been upping the ante.

For the 10th anniversary of "Wicked" late last month, the TV show took the unprecedented step of having an entire category dedicated to the musical, and producers are doing it again on Tuesday for "Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella."

"Certain shows lend themselves better for us to do this," says Rocky Schmidt, the supervising producer of the game show. "The real trick to this is making it accessible to the millions of 'Jeopardy!' viewers. If you haven't seen the show, is it still interesting to you?"

The TV show taped the clues with Cinderella herself—star Laura Osnes did a video clue in her ball gown costume—on June 14 at the show's home at the Broadway Theatre. The actual contest was taped in September.

"I think it's great exposure for the show," says Osnes, a Tony Award-nominated actress who grew up watching "Jeopardy!" in Minnesota but admits to being a bigger fan of "The Price Is Right."

"I'm not very good at it, I think that's why. I don't know a lot of that type of trivia," Osnes says. "I enjoy doing things I'm good at and I knew I wasn't very good at 'Jeopardy!' This time, though, Osnes knew she wouldn't be stumped: "I definitely knew the



This undated image released by Jeopardy shows actress Laura Osnes, who stars as the title character in the Broadway production of "Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella," center, with the clue crew, Kelly Miyahara, left, and Jimmy McGuire from the game show "Jeopardy!"

answers," she says.

"Jeopardy!" has long given Broadway a boost, offering such categories as "Broadway Musicals" and "Pop Singers on Broadway." That's priceless publicity for stage shows since "Jeopardy!" is seen by 10 million people a night. Last year, attendance on Broadway reached just 11.6 million.

The Clue Crew, the show's telegenic correspondents who travel the country taping clues in site-specific locations, have visited more than a dozen Broadway sets, including "Avenue Q," "The Phantom of the Opera," "Les Misérables," "The Producers," "Hairspray," and "The Lion King."

Actors from Broadway shows have also presented clues, including from "Mamma Mia!" "Jersey Boys" and "The Color Purple." Playwright Edward Albee and composer Andrew Lloyd Webber even had their

own five-question categories.

But, until now, an entire category hasn't been devoted to a single show. For it to happen, the show has to be able to spark questions beyond the stage. Questions for "Wicked" naturally led to ones for "The Wizard of Oz" movie and book, while "Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella" has a rich history to draw questions.

"It has to be part of Americana and part of the culture," says Schmidt, who, along with executive producer Harry Friedman, is a huge theater fan. "We just didn't want to disenfranchise people and have them say, 'OK, I've never seen that. I don't care about this whole category' and turn away."

Kelly Miyahara, one of the Clue Crew, was on hand at the empty Broadway theater in June to help tape several clues herself—all while trying to remain cool.

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# Alicia Keys visits typhoon refugees in PH

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Grammy-winning singer Alicia Keys visited a Philippine air force base Monday to bring cheer to hundreds of evacuees from eastern provinces wracked by Typhoon Haiyan.

The American singer distributed crayons and coloring books to children at the Villamor Air Base grandstand, where evacuees from eastern Leyte and Samar provinces arrive via C-130 planes.

Social Welfare Department officer Jane Abello says Keys stayed for about half an hour to chat with evacuees.

The R&B star was in Manila for a concert Monday at the sea-side MOA Arena.

The Philippine Star earlier quoted her as saying that “music has a way of lifting your spirit and that’s what I hope to do for the Filipino people.”

Keys tweeted three days after the Nov. 8 typhoon: “To the people of the Philippines my



In this photo released by the Philippine Air Force, Grammy-winning singer Alicia Keys, left, talks to a typhoon survivor as she visits the Villamor Air Base in suburban Pasay, south of Manila, Philippines, Monday Nov. 25, 2013. Keys visited the air force base to bring cheer to hundreds of evacuees from eastern Philippine provinces wracked by Typhoon Haiyan earlier this month.

heart is with you.”

She also encouraged fans around the world to donate to the typhoon victims.

## Stars donate songs for PH relief album

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Dozens of top stars have donated songs to an album aimed at raising funds for typhoon disaster relief in the Philippines.

Songs by The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Beyonce, U2 and Bruno Mars are among the 39 donated to “Songs for the Philippines,” available for purchase Monday at iTunes and for streaming on iTunes Radio.

The artists, record companies and music publishers have

agreed to donate the proceeds to the Philippines Red Cross.

Thousands were killed, injured and displaced by Typhoon Haiyan earlier this month and officials have struggled to keep up with humanitarian aid demands.

The compilation album has a little of everything, from the disturbing images of a live version of Eminem’s “Stan” to the calming effect of The Beatles’ “Let It Be.”

## Sean Penn: Madonna in Haiti to see his aid work



In this Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013 photo, U.S. pop star Madonna smiles during her visit at the “Hard Candy Fitness” center in Berlin.

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti** (AP)—Sean Penn says ex-wife Madonna is in Haiti to visit projects that the actor’s aid organization runs.

Penn told The Associated Press in a brief phone call Monday night that he had invited Madonna to visit several times over the years and she had now come with her son Rocco. He said they arrived a “couple of days” ago. It’s unclear when she leaves.

She’s been busy posting photos on Instagram. One shows her posing with others for a photo at the new hospital built by public health pioneer Dr. Paul Farmer. The caption: “Revolution of Love in Haiti.” Another picture shows a view of the mountains at dusk.

Penn is an ambassador-at-large for Haiti. He has been running the J/P Haitian Relief Organization since Haiti’s devastating earthquake in 2010.

Humphrey Bogart as private eye Sam Spade.

The figure has a bent right tail feather, damage incurred during filming, Bonhams said. Actress Lee Patrick, who played Spade’s secretary, Effie, dropped it while handing it to Bogart.

The statuette’s unidentified owner bought it privately in the 1980s. It has been exhibited at the Warner Bros. Studio Museum, the Pompidou Centre in Paris and the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

It was offered in a sale of other classic movie memorabilia.

## Chris Brown ordered back to DC court on Jan. 8

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—R&B singer Chris Brown’s next court appearance in Washington is now scheduled for Jan. 8.

A D.C. Superior Court judge granted the new date Monday. Brown’s attorneys successfully argued that he should not be forced to leave anger manage-

ment rehabilitation in Los Angeles to travel to Washington for Monday’s hearing.

Brown was ordered into rehab last week following a Los Angeles court appearance.

Brown and bodyguard Christopher Hollosy will be required to appear at the next hearing. They were ar-

rested last month on charges of punching a man outside a hotel who tried to jump into a picture with the singer. Brown faces a misdemeanor assault charge.

His lawyers sought the delay because they said they haven’t had an opportunity to review evidence with him.

## Woman who left abusive ex struggles with lingering ties

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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*Dear Abby*

**DEAR ABBY:** I was married to a man who ruled my every move. After years of torture and abuse, I finally became frightened enough to leave. Since then I have met a wonderful, caring, loving man who I wouldn’t trade for the world. He treats me with kindness, respect and love. He makes me laugh and smile and appreciate life. I am allowed to be myself and function how I will. I am happier than I have ever been.

My question is, sometimes I miss my emotionally and physically abusive ex. I have no desire to be with him, but after all those years, it’s hard to adjust some days.

Is something wrong with me? I would never leave my current relationship for my ex. I feel like I have found my soul mate. But these lingering thoughts trouble me. Am I normal? What do I do? I don’t have a girlfriend to confide in.

FOUND MY SOUL MATE

**DEAR FOUND:** I’m touched that you would confide in me. Yes, you are normal. Time has a way of dulling emotional pain, and with time we tend to gloss over unpleasantness. Your ex may not have been brutal and controlling all the time, and you are remembering the happier times.

I don’t think that what you are missing has much to do with HIM. What you may be missing is the adrenaline rush you got from the drama.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I had an inappropriate relationship with a senior officer at the firm where I work. It ended a year ago. I was married at the time -- I am now divorced -- and he is married.

Occasionally during the past year, he has made advances, but I rejected them. However, today his advances were persistent and almost demanding. For the first time, I felt a little threatened.

I don’t want to cause trouble for him, his job and certainly not his family. But what do I do? I’d like to think he has gotten the message, but what if it continues? I like the guy; I’m just not interested anymore.

DON’T WANT TROUBLE

**DEAR DON’T WANT TROUBLE:** It appears “Romeo” hasn’t quite gotten the message, so it’s time to make EXPLICIT your wishes in this matter. If he continues to persist, then you will have to report it to human resources.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I have a great husband who has only one quirk. He often forgets to zip his fly. At home, who cares? But it happens in public too often and creates an uncomfortable scene when my friends are around.

Should I be hard on him, or just sympathize and keep my mouth shut? And what should I do when it’s clear that he’s the only one who doesn’t know?

JUST ZIP IT

**DEAR JUST ZIP IT:** Has your husband always forgotten to zip his fly, or is his forgetfulness something recent? If it is recent, and you have noticed other lapses in what should be automatic behavior, then it is time he had a neurological evaluation by a physician.

Because this happens with some frequency, work out a code with him to remind him his fly is open—or take him aside and quietly point out that he needs to make an adjustment.

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**DEAR READERS:** Tomorrow is Thanksgiving, and no Thanksgiving would be complete without the traditional prayer penned by my dear mother:

Oh, Heavenly Father,  
We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.  
We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.  
We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.  
We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.  
May these remembrances stir us to service,  
That Thy gifts to us may be used for others.  
Amen.  
Have a safe and happy celebration, everyone!—Love, ABBY



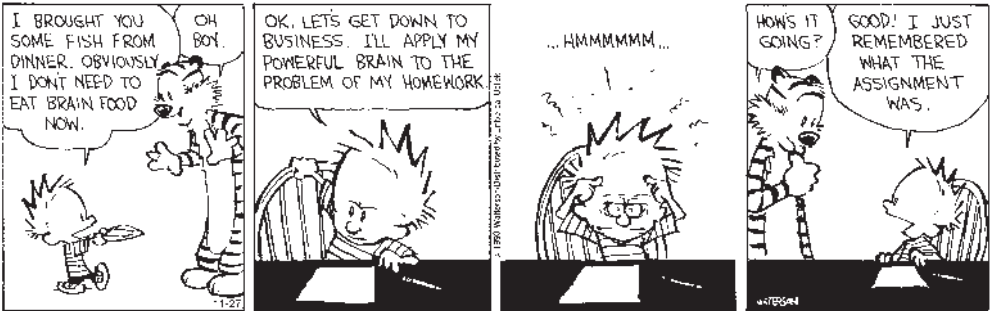
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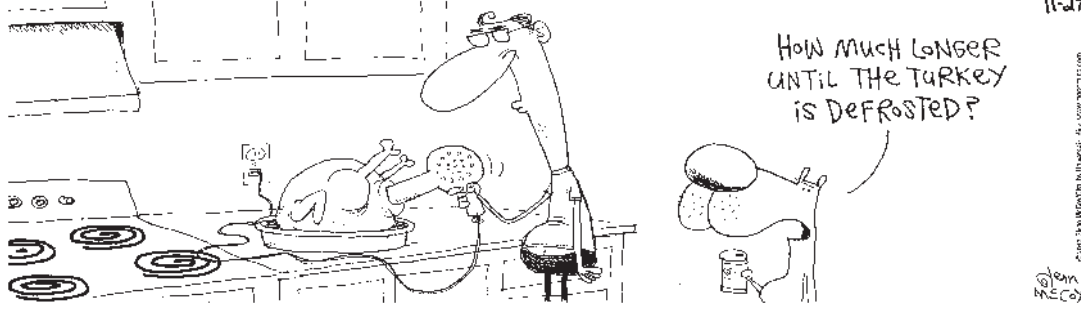
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Yesterday's answer 11-27

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Alison Pill, 28; Jaleel White, 37; Fisher Stevens, 50; Kathryn Bigelow, 62.

Happy Birthday: Concentrate on what you can do to get ahead. Putting in long hours and taking on extra responsibilities will not go unnoticed. What you do this year to show your worthiness as a friend, lover or co-worker will bring you rewards that will help you improve your life mentally, physically and emotionally. Prosperity and honor are within reach. Your numbers are 5, 16, 19, 25, 33, 38, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may have trouble keeping things together. Too much going on and too many different interests will lead to mistakes. Impulsiveness and restlessness will be the enemy, and concentrating on what really needs to be taken care of will be your salvation. \*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Start a diet, join a fitness club or do something else that will boost your energy and your confidence. Romance should be scheduled for late in the day, and an intimate conversation will result in a decision that will improve your lifestyle. \*\*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll have to use your creative mind to zigzag your way through the trials and tribulations you face. Don't engage in something you know little about. Emotional distress due to money matters and partnerships can be expected. \*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Handle personal situations with care. Get involved in activities you enjoy and you

will learn valuable information that will help you improve a relationship you treasure. Money matters will improve if you get involved in a joint venture. \*\*

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Help your community. The people you meet will be interesting and the difference you make will put you in the spotlight. Someone from your past will come to mind. Get in touch and find out what you have in common. \*\*\*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make plans and follow through. If you have an idea, don't put it aside. Consider starting a business or developing a hobby. A professional move will lead to good fortune. Strategize and forge ahead. Leave room for romance. \*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't fret if you have promised too much. Ask for help and it will allow you to fulfill your promises and build a solid reputation. Home improvements will turn out well and be cost-efficient if you do the work yourself. \*\*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Secrecy is what makes you so intriguing. Your ability to capture attention using unique and interesting thoughts, ideas and plans will attract the interest of someone who wants to partner with you. A joint venture can turn out to be quite lucrative. \*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Proceed with caution. Not everyone will agree with you or want to do things your way. Emotional distress and anger are prevalent and must be kept under control if you wish to maintain your status quo. Stick close to home. \*\*

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be uncertain regarding personal issues. Step back from a situation that is questionable and watch to see what everyone else does. The knowledge you pick up from afar will give you insight into how to handle a delicate situation. \*\*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone will spread false information about you or what you have to offer. Make last-minute alterations to counter any meddling that someone is doing on your behalf. The element of surprise will keep you in the game. \*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put your money on the table and your insight and expertise into practice. There is money to be made and deals to be signed. Explore new possibilities and expand on what you have done in the past. The sky is the limit. \*\*\*

Birthday Baby: You are dedicated and helpful. You are a clever negotiator.

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By:

**VIVIAN TENORIO SABLAN**  
 Petitioner(s)

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on December 5, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo.

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# Derrick Rose out for season after surgery



**CHICAGO (AP)**—Derrick Rose's comeback turned out to be a cameo, and the Chicago Bulls' worst nightmare became a reality again.

The Bulls' hopes about contending for a championship this season took a serious hit. Their long-term plans appear to be up in the air, too.

The team said Rose will miss the remainder of the season after having surgery Monday morning in Chicago to repair a torn medial meniscus in his right knee. For the Bulls and their point guard, it's an all-too-familiar spot.

"I felt for him. He is a great person, first and foremost," coach Tom Thibodeau said before Chicago played at Utah.

Rose was injured Friday night at Portland, a huge setback for him and the organization.

The 2011 NBA MVP missed all of last season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in Chicago's 2012 playoff opener against Philadelphia.

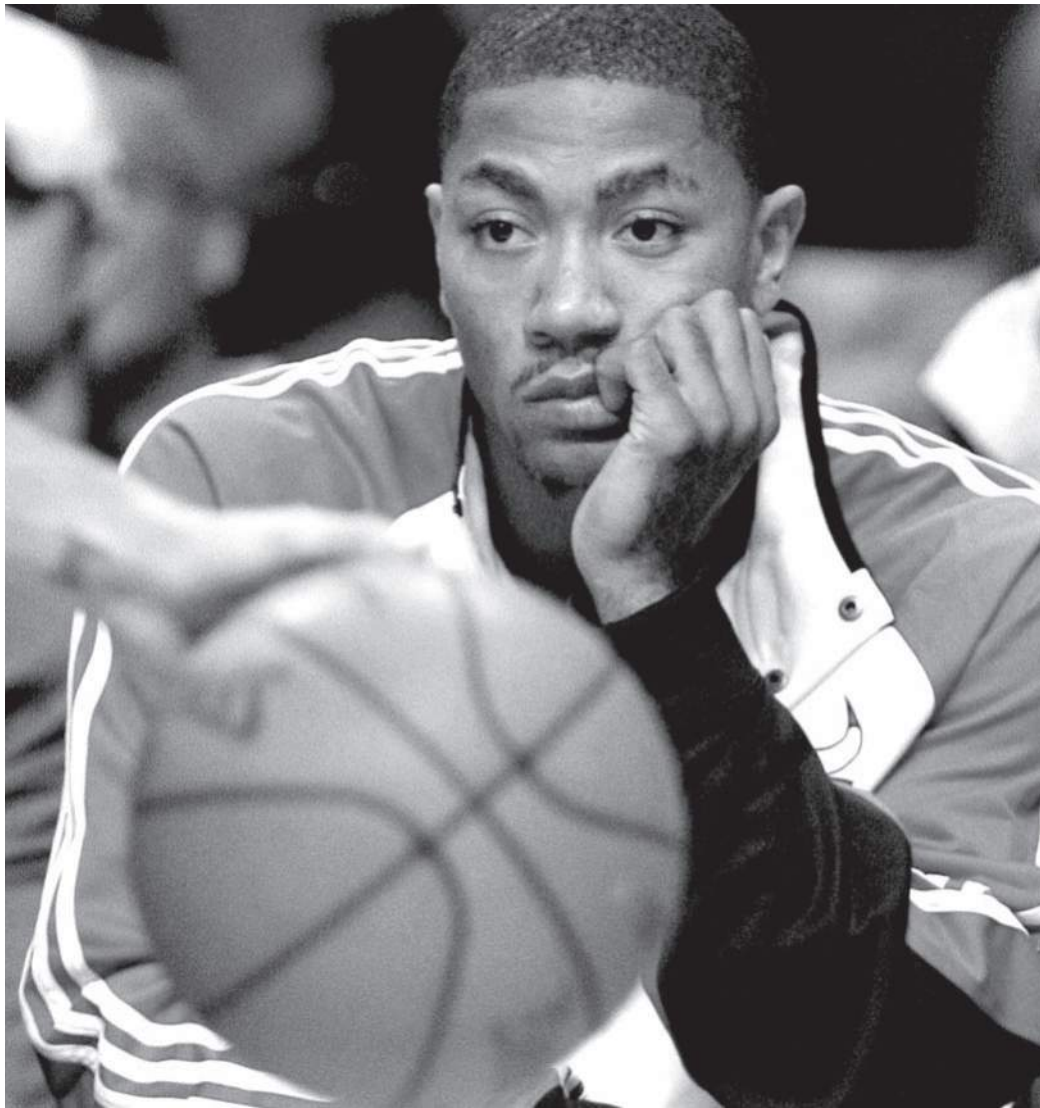
He has played in just 50 NBA games - 49 in the regular season and that lone playoff game - since the Bulls' run to the Eastern Conference finals during his MVP season.

The latest injury occurred in the third quarter against the Trail Blazers.

He lost his footing while trying to change direction to get back on defense when Nicolas Batum stole a pass from Joakim Noah and started the other way. Rose limped across the court and couldn't put any weight on his knee. After the Blazers scored, he came out of the game during a timeout.

It didn't appear there was any contact on the play. Rose was unable to return and was on crutches afterward.

With Rose back, the Bulls were expected to challenge LeBron James and the Miami Heat for supremacy in the Eastern Conference and contend for their first championship since the Michael Jordan-



In this Oct. 19, 2009, file photo, Chicago Bulls' Derrick Rose sits on the bench watching his team during the fourth quarter of their preseason NBA basketball game and 101-98 loss to the Orlando Magic. Rose is out for the season.

Scottie Pippen era.

Instead, they're in a familiar spot - trying to get by without their cornerstone player.

Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said in a statement he was "heartbroken" when he heard about Rose's injury.

"Everyone at the Bulls knows firsthand how extremely hard Derrick worked to return to the court this year, and I have no doubt he will do the same with regards to his recovery from this injury," Reinsdorf added. "Despite Derrick's absence, this is still a good team. I know from last year, this team and coaching staff will continue to make our fans proud."

He added that doctors expect Rose to make a full recovery. But the latest injury raises big

questions about whether they should continue to build around him as their cornerstone player and how this will impact the rest of the roster.

"It's obviously too soon to go down that road," general manager Gar Forman told the team's website. "Derrick had surgery this morning. Look, we are always evaluating our team, just like everyone else does."

"We felt good about this season, but we were hardly perfect. So we always are looking to get better. Everything we do is geared toward winning a championship and we will continue to evaluate any moves that will help us in attaining that goal."

Asked if the Bulls can trust Rose after two season-ending knee injuries, Forman said.

"We see no reason not to. That's what the best doctors in the world tell us."

Rose had insisted he could regain the form that made him the league's youngest MVP, that he was coming back as good as ever, but he was off to a shaky start.

Rose was averaging 15.9 points and was shooting just over 35 percent, although he looked a little better in his final two games with 19 points in a loss at Denver and 20 against Portland.

The Bulls were built to win this season with Rose. He's their lone superstar, the only player who can consistently create his own shot, and it's hard to envision them hanging with the Heat or Indiana without him.

ing Kobe among the NBA's highest-paid players.

Some fans grumbled online that the contract will limit the Lakers' flexibility in the free-agent market next summer, clouding their starry-eyed dreams of signing Carmelo Anthony or LeBron James. Other fans approved the payout as a reward for an iconic player who still ranked among the NBA's most dangerous scorers before his injury.

Bryant and 39-year-old point guard Steve Nash are the only players signed to significant contracts for next season with the Lakers, who have been anticipating a major roster restructuring in 2014 ever since Dwight Howard fled town in July.

## Lakers sign Kobe to 2-year extension

**EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP)**—The Los Angeles Lakers signed Kobe Bryant to a two-year contract extension Monday, securing the fourth-leading scorer in NBA history into his 20th season with the franchise.

Bryant hasn't played this season while recovering from surgery on his torn Achilles tendon in April, but the Lakers didn't wait to renew their commitment to the five-time NBA champion before he got anywhere close to the free-agent market next summer.

Bryant inked the deal with owner Jim Buss and general manager Mitch Kupchak at his side in agent Rob Pelinka's of-

fice moments before the Lakers left for an East Coast road trip. Bryant, Buss and Kupchak all had repeatedly stated Bryant wouldn't leave his only NBA home.

The 35-year-old guard quickly tweeted a picture of his signature with the hashtag: Laker4Life.

"This is a very happy day for Lakers fans and for the Lakers organization," Kupchak said in a statement. "We've said all along that our priority and hope was to have Kobe finish his career as a Laker, and this should ensure that that happens."

Bryant has spent more than half of his life playing for the

Lakers, and if he fulfills his new contract, he will break John Stockton's record of 19 seasons with one NBA franchise.

But Kobe's legacy in L.A. already is secure: No less than Magic Johnson and Jerry West have declared Bryant the franchise's greatest player, given his fistful of championship rings and his consistent brilliance while scoring more points than anybody in a Lakers uniform.

Although Bryant is taking a pay cut from his \$30.45 million salary this season, Kobe and the Lakers didn't exactly agree to a hometown discount, either. ESPN reported the deal is worth \$48.5 million, keep-

"You feel for him," the Pacers' Paul George said. "No matter what our rivalry is or the dislike in teams in being in the same division, you never want to see guys go down. Especially a season-ending injury."

Rose's injury could send ripples through the roster.

Luol Deng has an expiring contract. Do the Bulls try to

trade him with the idea that the championship window for this team is shut or risk letting him leave at the end of the season without getting anything in return?

Then, there's Carlos Boozer. A candidate to be amnestied, the Bulls might try to trade him. For now, he's their No. 1 scoring option.

## Spurs streak to 11th straight win

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)**—Manu Ginobili had 16 points to lead seven players in double figures as the San Antonio Spurs beat the New Orleans Pelicans 112-93 on Monday for their 11th straight victory.

Tony Parker had 14 points and seven assists, Tiago Splitter added 11 points and Tim Duncan had 10 points for San Antonio (13-1). Reserves Marco Belinelli had 14 points, Boris Diaw added 13 points and Patty Mills 12 to keep the Spurs undefeated at home.

Ryan Anderson had 17 points, Tyreke Evans and Jrue Holiday each added 12 points and Anthony Davis had 10 for New Orleans (6-7). The Pelicans, who have lost six straight in San Antonio, had a three-game winning streak snapped.

### Jazz 89, Bulls 83

In Salt Lake City Trey Burke made a key 3-pointer to help the Jazz outlast Chicago in overtime — the Bulls' first game since learning Derrick Rose would again be lost for the season.

Burke, a rookie finally enjoying extensive playing time after spending most of the season recovering from finger surgery, had 14 points and six assists. He also had five turnovers and shot 5 for 17 but was on the court in clutch time directing the Jazz to their second win of the season.

### Pacers 98, Timberwolves 84

In Indianapolis, George Hill scored a season-high 26 points, and Paul George had 11 of his 26 points during the decisive run, leading the Pacers to a victory over Minnesota.

Indiana has won four straight since losing at Chicago, is 13-1 for the first time in franchise history and remained perfect in eight home games this season.

The Timberwolves (8-8) shot just 32.6 percent from the field and was held to a season-low point total.

### Celtics 96, Bobcats 86

In Charlotte, Jordan Crawford had 21 points and reserve Gerald Wallace added a season-high 17 points as the Celtics beat the Bobcats for their second straight victory.

Crawford was 5 of 11 from the field and had five assists as the Celtics avenged an 89-83 loss to the Bobcats on Nov. 13. The 31-year-old Wallace, who played for the Bobcats

from 2004-11, was 6 of 10 from the field.

### Heat 107, Suns 92

In Miami, LeBron James scored 35 points on only 14 shots from the field and Dwyane Wade added 21 points and 12 assists as the Heat won their seventh straight game.

Ray Allen scored 17 points and Chris Andersen added an 11-point, seven-rebound night for the Heat, who have won 10 of 11 since their 1-2 start.

It was Wade's first 12-assist game since March 22, 2010.

### Rockets 93, Grizzlies 86

In Memphis, Chandler Parsons scored 17 points and Omri Casspi added 16 as the Rockets overcame a double-digit deficit to beat the Grizzlies.

Houston (10-5) trailed for most of the night and its 93 points were a season low, but the Rockets made a 14-2 run early in the fourth quarter, pushing ahead 67-65 on a pair free throws by Casspi with 8:26 remaining.

The Rockets played without All-Star guard James Harden, who missed his second straight game with a sore left foot. They've won five of their past six.

### Nuggets 110, Mavericks 96

In Dallas, Ty Lawson had 19 points after a quiet start, Nate Robinson scored 11 straight for Denver in the fourth quarter as the Nuggets beat Dallas for the second time in three days.

Robinson finished with 17 points, all but two in the second half, and Lawson had 14 after halftime and finished with a game-high 11 assists as the Nuggets handed Dallas its first home loss in eight games this season.

### Pistons 113, Bucks 94

In Michigan, Brandon Jennings made four consecutive 3-pointers in the first quarter against his former team as the Pistons overwhelmed Milwaukee with a dazzling first half.

Jennings was traded from Milwaukee to Detroit last off-season after four seasons with the Bucks. He hadn't been shooting well for the Pistons, but that changed right away Monday, when he led Detroit on a 21-0 run toward the end of the first quarter.

Jennings finished with 15 points and 13 assists.



# Kaepernick, 49ers dominate Redskins



LANDOVER, Md.

(AP)—If Colin Kaepernick and Robert Griffin III have become the future of football suddenly put on hold, consider Kaepernick the one more likely to get going again.

The young, mobile quarterbacks who have struggled in 2013 after breakout years in 2012 faced off for the first time Monday night, and Kaepernick clearly outperformed his counterpart as the San Francisco 49ers broke a two-game losing streak with a 27-6 win over the Washington Redskins.

Kaepernick completed 15 of 24 passes for 235 yards - the first time in five games he's topped 200 yards - with three touchdowns and no interceptions.

The Redskins bottled up Frank Gore (13 carries, 31 yards), essentially daring Kaepernick to throw the ball, and the QB responded by showing some veteran-like chemistry with veteran Anquan Boldin.

"We showed people we can pass the ball," Gore said. "That's big for this team."

Boldin finished with five catches for 94 yards and two touchdowns - a 19-yard grab at the pylon in the first quarter and a 6-yard, wide-open-in-the-end-zone reception in the third.

Vernon Davis also had a touchdown catch for the 49ers (7-4), who are tied for second with the Arizona Cardinals in



Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III is sacked by San Francisco 49ers outside linebacker Ahmad Brooks (55) and tight end Demarcus Dobbs (83) during the second half of an NFL football game in Landover, Md., Monday, Nov. 25, 2013.

the NFC West and are three games back of the Seattle Seahawks with five to play.

"We knew what type of game this was for us. We're right in the hunt," Boldin said. "We've got to come out with a win."

A loss would've put the defending NFC champions in trouble in their quest to return to the playoffs, but they're nowhere as bad off as the Red-

skins (3-8), who have dropped three straight and sit alone in last place in the NFC East a year after a late-season run that won the division.

Kaepernick and Griffin seemed poised to take the quarterback position to a new dimension last season when they wowed the NFL with their mobility when running zone-read and play-action.

But defenses have adjusted, and the two QBs' stats have tumbled accordingly when they've been forced to throw in conventional drop-back situations.

Griffin's fall has been more precipitous. He threw his 11th interception Monday night, more than twice the number he had all last season.

He completed 17 of 27 passes

for 127 yards and was sacked four times, and Washington tallied only 190 total yards. RG3's throws were off-target, and the Redskins were again the victim of questionable clock management, including a timeout that was called while the clock was already stopped on a hurry-up drive in the final minute of the first half.

The 49ers led 10-6 at the half,

and the Redskins had their best chance to take the lead when they took over in San Francisco territory after a fumble on the opening drive of the third quarter. But, on a fourth-and-2 at the 41, Washington gave the ball to backup tailback Roy Helu, who was stopped short of the first down.

The 49ers took over and drove for a score that gave them a double-digit lead for good, with Kaepernick and Boldin hurdling into each other for a celebratory chest-bump after the 6-yard touchdown pass.

There would be no such celebrations for Griffin, who took some flak last week from teammate Santana Moss for not taking enough responsibility for mistakes.

There's plenty of blame to go around for everyone after the game, including some for coach Mike Shanahan, whose future is unclear as his team heads for a third last-place finish in his four years in Washington.

Griffin's interception came on the final play of the first quarter, when he unwisely unloaded while being decked by Aldon Smith.

Griffin rolled over onto his stomach and lay there for several seconds. He wasn't injured, but perhaps he was mulling over a quarter in which he went 1 for 6 for minus-1 yard and a pick - in a rare home game in which no one was chanting "R-G-3!"

## Dodgers sign Dan Haren for 1 year, \$10M



LOS ANGELES

(AP)—Dan Haren wanted to pitch for a World Series contender next season, and he was eager to get back to his native Southern California.

Haren found everything he wanted at Dodger Stadium.

The right-hander agreed to a one-year, \$10 million deal with the Dodgers on Monday, adding another veteran arm to Los Angeles' deep rotation. The deal includes \$3 million in performance bonuses and a \$10 million vesting option for 2015.

Haren was eager for a change after spending last season in Washington, where he went 10-14 with a 4.67 ERA even with a strong finish to the season. He missed his wife and children during his year on the East Coast, and the 11-year veteran seized the chance to return home after spending the previous three seasons with the Angels.

"My kids are growing up, and to have the opportunity to come back so close to home and pitch for a championship-level club, it couldn't have happened any better for me," Haren said.

The three-time All-Star went

33-27 with the Angels, enduring a rough final season. He also got off to a slow start with the Nationals, but Haren regained enough of his form to make him attractive on the limited free-agent market.

Haren will compete for a prominent spot in Los Angeles' loaded rotation alongside Clayton Kershaw, Zack Greinke, Hyun-Jin Ryu and injured veterans Chad Billingsley and Josh Beckett.

"We were looking for somebody that we could lean on to provide us starts and innings, and obviously had a good track record," Dodgers general manager Ned Colletti said. "He's also somebody from the area, so he understands the Dodgers and has respect for the organization and everything. ... We're more than willing to take a chance on somebody with his makeup, with his ability, with his experience, and with his track record."

If Haren pitches 180 innings for the Dodgers, he'll have a \$10 million player option for 2015. He had pitched at least 180 innings in nine straight seasons before last year in Washington, where he finished with 169 2-3 innings pitched after a

stint on the disabled list.

Haren will get \$250,000 each in performance bonuses if he makes 24, 27 and 30 starts, with a \$500,000 bonus for 32 starts. He'll get \$250,000 each if he pitches 150, 160 and 170 innings, with a \$500,000 bonus for 180 and 190 innings.

If he reaches 180 innings in 2014 and is traded before the season ends, then there is a player option for 2015 at \$11 million.

"Could I have gotten more in other places? Maybe, probably," Haren said. "But the Dodgers seemed like a good fit for me, and at this point in my career, it looks like the Dodgers' priority is winning now, and that's my priority too."

The 33-year-old has 129 career victories. The Dodgers will be the sixth major league team for Haren, who also pitched for St. Louis, Oakland and Arizona.

## Mariners president Armstrong announces retirement

SEATTLE (AP)—Seattle Mariners president Chuck Armstrong announced Monday he will retire at the end of January after spending 28 of the past 30 seasons in that position with the ballclub, helping stabilize the team in the Pacific Northwest.

Armstrong built the Mariners into a contender then faced criticism for the past dozen seasons without a playoff appearance. He will retire effective Jan. 31 and the club said it is beginning the process of finding a successor and starting that transition.

"Since day one, he has given his heart and soul to Mariners baseball. He sincerely cares about the game of baseball, this

organization, this city and this region," Mariners CEO Howard Lincoln said. "On behalf of ownership and everyone who has worked here for the past 30 years, I thank Chuck for his tremendous contributions."

The 71-year-old Armstrong joined the franchise as team president in 1983 and, outside of a two-year stint in the early 1990s, has been with the club in that role since. Armstrong said he wants to spend more time with his family and some recent deaths of friends helped bring Armstrong to this decision.

"This was a very difficult, very personal decision, but I know in my heart that it's time to turn the page and move to the

Haren knows he'll be competing with Billingsley and Beckett for a rotation spot, and the Dodgers are eager to see how it develops.

"Josh we expect to be ready when camp opens, and Chad at some point during the season," Colletti said. "I'm not going to close the door to any more starters. We certainly like the four we have, and we hope we get Josh back and we hope we get Chad back."

Haren isn't sure how the rotation will shake out, but he's

confident he'll have a spot if he performs to his usual capabilities. He's also eager to suit up for the NL West champions, who lost to the Cardinals in the league championship series.

"The talent is second to none," Haren said. "We've got stars at every position."

Haren pitched alongside Greinke in 2012 with the Angels, and they've stayed in regular contact. Greinke welcomed Haren to the Dodgers earlier in the day - and then hit him up for fantasy football advice.

next chapter of my life," he said.

Armstrong first joined the club following the 1983 season under then-owner George Argyros. His most famous move during his first stint was making the decision to draft Ken Griffey Jr. with the first pick of the 1987 amateur draft. Armstrong left the club in 1990-91 when Jeff Smulyan owned the team and its future in Seattle was tenuous, but he returned to the job in 1992 after he helped in the Baseball Club of Seattle purchasing the franchise, the first step in keeping the club in Seattle.

Armstrong was instrumental in getting Safeco Field built, a move that solidified the franchise and came during the best

run of success in franchise history. Starting with Seattle's stirring comeback to win the AL West in 1995 and run to the AL championship series, the Mariners went to the playoffs in four of seven seasons and three times reached the ALCS. Seattle won a record-tying 116 games in 2001, but fell to the New York Yankees in the postseason.

"Through all the good times and the not-so-good times on the field since 1984, the goal always has been to win the World Series," Armstrong said. "My only regret is that the entire region wasn't able to enjoy a parade through the city to celebrate a world championship together."







# 2013 NMIFA Youth Football Fall Festival

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The Matansa Football Club FC's U10 Team huddles before playing against Paire in the 2013 NMIFA Youth Football Fall Festival held on Nov. 16 at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.



An MP United goalie misses a save.



A Tan Holdings FC player grabs possession from a fallen Paire FC striker.



An MP United FC female players goes for a string kick.



A Paire FC player battles two MP United players in a foot race.



A Shirley's FC goalie watches the play.



A Paire FC goalie picks up the ball.



Matansa FC and MP United FC players fight for the possession.



Shirley's FC and Paire FC players exchange hi-fives after the game.



MP United's U8 squad huddles before challenging Paire.





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for season after  
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## Mamiko survives Mt. Fuji Marathon

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Saipan's Mamiko Oshima-Berger fought dehydration and fatigue to complete the 2013 Mount Fuji Marathon held last Sunday in Yamanashi Prefecture in Japan.

She finished the 42.195-kilometer race in 3:19:00 to place first in her age group (40 to 45) and third overall in the women's amateur category.

"Mamiko would have been second but felt faint at 40K, got passed, and then ended up in the medical tent. She is fine now but scared me for a bit after the finish," said Mamiko's husband, Joshua.

It was indeed a scary finish, as Mamiko herself did not know how she managed to complete the grueling race.

"I must have been seriously dehydrated and depleted all of my gas when I saw the 24 miles marker. That was last thing I remembered. I could not even remember how I finished, as the

next moment I was already in the bed at the medical tent. I had a terrible diarrhea that morning and I thought I had enough energy and hydration, but apparently I did not. That's another big lesson for me," said Mamiko, who returned to Saipan last Monday.

Despite the tough finish, Mamiko managed to surpass her time last year (3:20:12).

Her time this year was also way faster than her 2011 record (3:16:00) when she first joined the event, which was formerly known as the Lake Kawaguchi Marathon with the course built around the famous Lake Kawaguchi. The annual event was changed to Mount Fuji Marathon or Fujisan Marathon

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Saipan's Mamiko Oshima-Berger gets her award from one of the organizers of the 2013 Mount Fuji Marathon held last Sunday in Yamanashi Prefecture in Japan.

## SCS runners rule x-country championships Blue Haus nears sweep



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Three Saipan Community School runners go for the second lap of the third leg of the NMA All Schools Cross Country Series at the American Memorial Park last month.

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Saipan Community School dominated the 2013 NMA All Schools Cross Country Championships held last Nov. 16 at the Airport Field.

SCS runners won five of the six races in the elementary division and bagged another first place finish in the junior high category to bring home the most championship medals in the cross-country finale.

In the U8 age group, SCS' Hana Ojima and Jinno-suke Suzuki took first place in the girls and boys divisions. Ojima completed the one-lap course (around 900 meters) in 8:15 to lead schoolmate Michelle Ryu (8:37) and Chloe Seo (10:02) in the podium. SCS also swept the Top 3 in the boys U8 with Suzuki clocking in at 7:46, Kaito Rechocher submitting 7:50, and Reef Camacho tallying 8:20.

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Blue Haus' Junar Guiab eludes his defenders for a layup during the third quarter of their game against Shakir Realty in the UFO Masters caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Blue Haus moved a win away from sweeping the regular season of the 2013 UFO-Budweiser Masters Division Bas-

ketball League, following an 83-74 triumph against Shakir Realty last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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